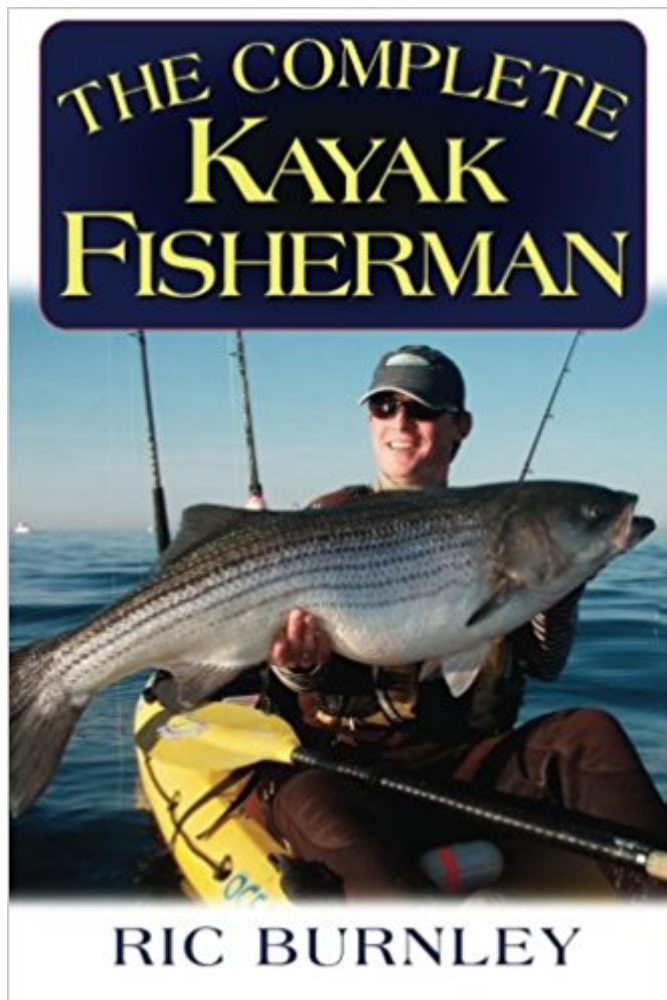




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# The Complete Kayak Fisherman



## Synopsis

A revolutionary technique is taking hold on anglers everywhere: kayak fishing. Kayaks get fishermen virtually anywhere in a craft that's inexpensive, almost maintenance-free, completely mobile and fully rigged for fishing. Previously unreachable waters are now able to be fished--and the results are spectacular. Here is a thorough guide to this new breed of angling, for both fresh and saltwater fishermen. Choosing a kayak, outfitting with rod-holders and electronics, storage, anchoring systems, safety and more--plus techniques for pursuing a wide range of species from a kayak--are all covered in this book.

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"For veteran or newbie, this is the ultimate 'yak fishing guide, written by a talented guy with plenty of enthusiasm and know-how. "The Complete Kayak Fisherman" is chock-full of proven, time-tested tips. If you fish from a kayak or want to try, this is the best information you'll find anywhere--period." (Pete Barrett, Former Executive Editor, "The Fisherman") "I thoroughly enjoyed this book. "The Complete Kayak Fisherman" not only has a wealth of information for the beginning kayak angler, but also has many tips that longtime kayak anglers like me can take away to become better and safer kayak fishermen." (Jim Sammons, La Jolla Kayak Fishing [www.Kayak4Fish.com](http://www.Kayak4Fish.com))

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This is a fantastic guide to kayaking with a clear bent towards saltwater fishing. Despite that, it does have some useful information on a variety of general kayak related topics which can universally apply to any type of fishing. As an avid freshwater fisherman (the closest ocean is 10+ hours away from me), I still very much enjoyed reading the book and gleaned some useful information. Specifically with regards to rigging, I have a serious FOMO (fear of missing out) when I go fishing and I naturally bring too many things. I've quickly found that this doesn't work when kayaking. Loading everything up, unloading it, and getting out on the water always take longer than expected. Despite the aforementioned saltwater bent, I am always looking for tidbits of advice that help me reduce the time I spend getting ready to fish so I can focus on the real thing. This book will go in my library as a useful reference, even more so if I ever decide to slime my Cuda in the deep blue sea.

This is a great guide for someone getting into this sport. I was very impressed with how complete it was and I devoured it from cover to cover. I learned a great deal, especially about clothing selections for cold weather kayak fishing. The only thing I think could have been a little more complete, was the information on the specifics of rigging fishing rods to catch fish. (what line, hook, bait, lures, weight, etc.) There is a small section in the back of the book which glosses over some of the different types, and this is the reason I only gave the book 4 stars. I understand that Kayak fishing includes a variety of fresh water and salt water fishing, and an entire book or books could be written on this subject alone, but there was very little information at all about rigging. Apart from this minor drawback, the book is excellent. If you want to take what you know about fishing, and apply it to fishing from a kayak, this is the book for you.

This book is fine for someone who primarily fishes saltwater and wants to modify their kayak. I intend to buy a fishing kayak pretty much all set up and I'm primarily a freshwater fisherman so I didn't find the book as helpful as I would have liked. That's not taking away from the author or the book. There is some good basic information about personal flotation devices and other safety features that anyone can use. Not sure what I expected to find. Maybe my expectations were all wrong.

Overall it was a good book if I read it a year and a half ago when I got into the sport. Now most of it information that I already know. Kinda simple too. there are a lot of forums that would supplement what was said in this book. If you are into the sport even in the littlest amount don't waste your time. This would be the perfect gift for a younger person you are trying to get into the sport though...

Would recommend this book to anyone considering fishing from a kayak. Very well thought out and well written. I'll keep this in my library for a long time.

I was looking for more pictures to keep me interested. The book is informative, but Scott Null's book is a lot better. How-to books are better with pictures...for me anyway. I bought both books at the same time and quickly resold this one.

Since I'm a newbie to this Kayak Fishing thing, this book was very informative. If you've done some kayak fishing, it won't tell you a tremendous amount you don't already know. It is very informative about how to configure your kayak and also paddle it. There's quite a bit about where to fish on a regional basis at the end of the book. I'd recommend this book to anyone that's thinking about taking up fishing from a kayak.

Ric Burnley's book is fantastic! Throughout this well written book he carefully describes in detail all things relevant to choosing, rigging, paddling, and fishing with a heavy emphasis on safety. Clearly the best kayak book I've read and since I'm new to this sport I've read several that don't come close to explaining facets of the game that both beginners and advanced yak fishermen will need to know. My only criticism is that when describing regional differences, there is absolutely no mention of kayak fishing in Hawaii, which can be a different challenge altogether. We have a rapidly growing kayak fishing community out here and it was completely overlooked.

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