

NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

May 29th 2012



FROM:

Paul Morgan
Coch-y-Bonddu Books
Email: orders@anglebooks.com
Phone: 01654 702837

Tied in the Hand

Odyssey of a Salmon Fly-tyer

by
Sven-Olov Hård



Standard Edition:

A cloth-bound hardback with dust jacket in a large landscape format. **£35.00**

De luxe Edition:

Limited to thirty-five copies only, each signed by the author and including a unique fully-dressed salmon fly especially tied by him for this edition. This highly-collectable volume has been hand-bound in the finest Antique Burgundy Morocco leather and comes in a very attractive felt-lined slip-case. **£575.00**

186 pages.

Fully illustrated with numerous colour plates of flies and with water-colour illustrations.

Published and distributed by

Coch-y-Bonddu Books, Machynlleth, Powys,
SY20 8DG

Tel: 01654 702837

Email: orders@anglebooks.com

Accompany Sven Olov Hård on the long, fascinating road through the history of the salmon fly. Meet the originators of classic salmon fly patterns: the Rogans, Blacker, James Wright, Kelson and Traherne and others, as well as the last of the great tyers of Hardy Brothers. Learn about the traditional materials used and the techniques of tying in the hand, without a vice. Then tie a classic Blue Doctor by this method with the help of step-by-step instructions. Finally join Sven-Olov on a salmon fishing trip to Scotland as he fishes with his beautiful fully-dressed flies on the waters they were originally tied for, Oich and Ness, Spey and Tay.

Every step along the way is beautifully illustrated with fine watercolours by Lars Sundström and superb full-page images of fully-dressed classic salmon flies tied by the author for this book.

THE FLIES

There are over a hundred full-colour images of flies, all larger than life-size, where you can closely study every step, every feather and every turn of tinsel Sven-Olov has made in constructing his tied-in-the-hand masterpieces. These are just a few ...



John Ferguson



Benchill



Blue Doctor



Dunkeld



Fairy Blue



Green Highlander



Jock Scott



Sir Herbert Maxwell



Thornydyke



Thunder & Lightning

WHAT TERRY GRIFFITHS HAD TO SAY IN HIS FOREWORD:

Sven-Olov Hård first came to my notice some years ago, as a salmon fly-tyer of considerable note, not least because he ties flies 'in the hand' – that is without using a vice. I soon learnt that Sven-Olov was one of the finest tyers of the present (or, indeed, of any) period. His work covers the era of the classic salmon fly as perfected by Kelson, Traherne and the famed commercial tyers of Hardy Bros; flies from an age of plenty when materials were not the issue, only perfection. There are many who claim to have what it takes in terms of skills to tie the classic salmon fly, but I doubt whether a handful can come up to the consistent and meticulous standards set by this man. I say this without reservation, knowing that it has always been Sven-Olov's overwhelming need to tie flies as they were intended by their originators – anything else to him is heresy. It is a wonder to me that Sven-Olov has not been published earlier.

Terry Griffiths is the past editor of *The Fly Dresser* magazine and compiler of *The Essential Kelson* (2011).



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Sven-Olov Hård has been studying and tying the classic salmon fly since his teens. When not fishing his beautiful creations with Lena, his wife and angling companion, on the salmon rivers of Scandinavia and Scotland, he lives in Gävle, Sweden.

***Tied in the Hand - Odyssey of a Salmon Fly-tyer** will be launched at the BFFI (British Fly Fair International) in Stafford on June 23rd 2012. Sven-Olov Hård will be there to sign books.*

It is still possible for you to reserve your own copy of the De Luxe Edition by emailing orders@anglebooks.com.

You will have the opportunity of selecting, from a list of flies available, the salmon fly of your choice for inclusion in your copy of the book.



COCH-Y-BONDDU BOOKS

www.anglebooks.com

