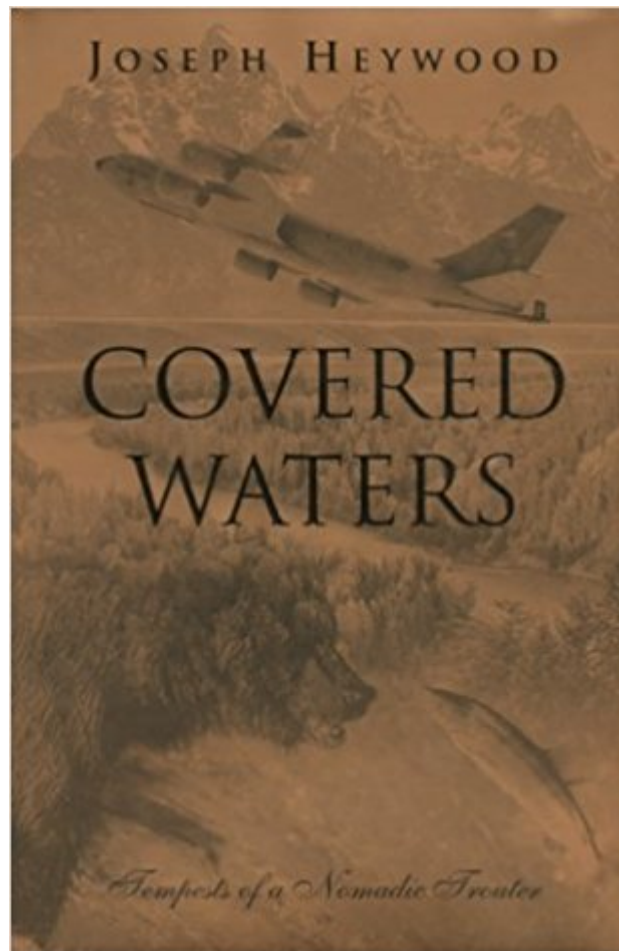




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Synopsis

Joseph Heywood's fishing novel, *The Snowfly*, received rave reviews, reeling in readers who love great fiction along with those who love to fish. Now we can finally understand the extent of the author's passion for the sport, and revel in his own admission: he rarely catches any! And yet, Heywood loves to fish, almost more than anything else. In fact, he left his corporate job to retire to a lifetime of fly fishing the waters of his beloved Michigan. *COVERED WATERS* is a collection of his wanderings and wonderings about fishing and life, and how the two are connected. The book begins just after the author has had a stroke. As he lies in his hospital bed, he looks back on his life and reminisces about his days in the U.S. Air Force, training to drop nukes on the Soviet Union in the Cold War; his experiences in Vietnam; his temporary but intense obsession with bear hunting (which ended the moment he finally killed a bear); and, of course, his international adventures in fishing, recounting such hilarious episodes as when he happened upon two women in France engaged in what appeared to be strip fishing--wherein each time one caught a fish, the other had to remove an article of clothing. After fishing the world over, Heywood finds that there is no water like home water, and no fishing partners like old friends.

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Some of his best writing, I think because it is a very earnest look back at a life. Very poignant and powerful read for me, since I grew up in Portage, MI and have many good family memories of many of the other Michigan haunts written about in this memoir.

I've read, and quite enjoyed, most of Joe Heywood's other books which are all fiction. This one chronicles portions of his life from both a fishing and non fishing perspective. From his Vietnam days when he was a navigator on bombing missions to his frustrating, but successful recovery from a stroke, your attention will not wane. This is a very readable book and while quite somber (ie Vietnam, stroke), some of the recounts of antics with some of his cronies are hilarious. Joe should write a few more anecdotal books, in between his excellent fiction (Snowfly is one of my top ten of all time favorites). If you are a fly fisherman, or a soon to be senior citizen who grew up in the Vietnam era like me, you'll enjoy this book.

I am a fan of Heywood's 'Woods Cop' Series of novels about Grady Service in Michigan's UP. This book has nothing to do with that series - but, I enjoyed the book. I can't say I picked up any 'hot' fishing locations or techniques . . . but, 'Covered Waters' is just, IMHO, a good read.

Good companion reading after you have read all of the woods cop series, start with those if you are a first time ahem wood reader.

Very enjoyable read about the authors life and experiences. I've read several of his books and now understand his background.

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