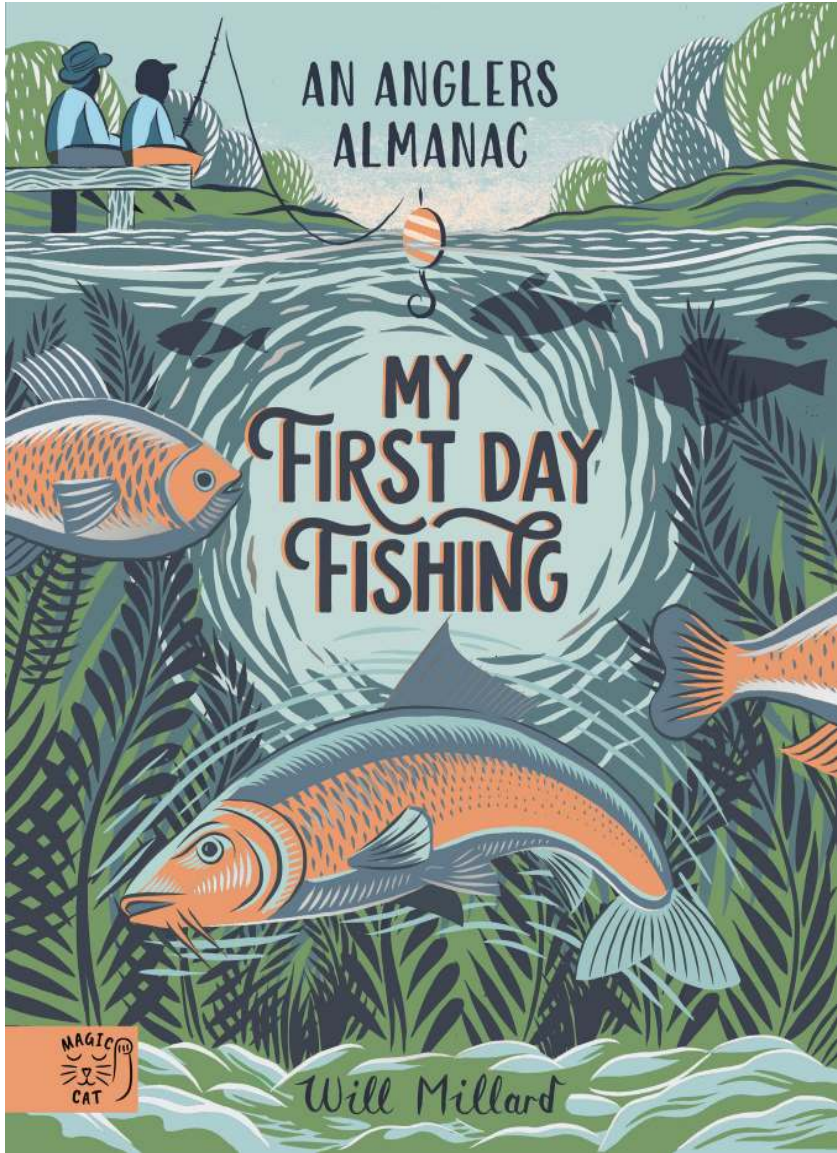


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For Grace and Macsen;
always believe in water's magic
—W.M.



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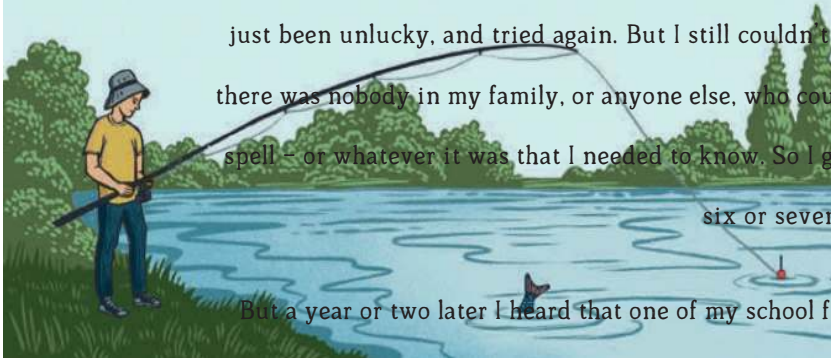
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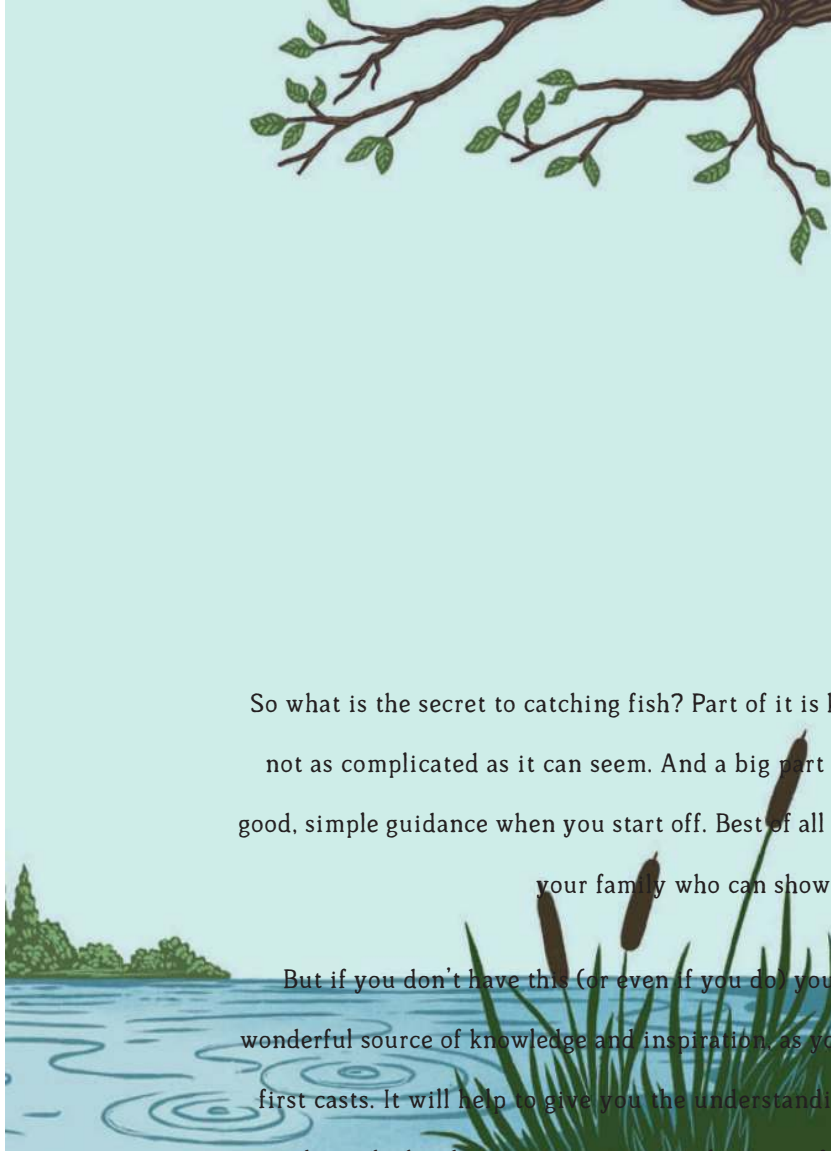
It's almost like a magic trick.

You put a piece of bread on the end of your line and flick it into the water –
and somehow, when you pull it out, it's turned into a fish!

But when I first went fishing I couldn't get the trick to work. I told myself I'd
just been unlucky, and tried again. But I still couldn't catch anything. And
there was nobody in my family, or anyone else, who could tell me the secret
spell – or whatever it was that I needed to know. So I gave up fishing. I was
six or seven years old.

But a year or two later I heard that one of my school friends knew how to
catch fish. Like Will, the author of this book, he had been taught by his
grandfather. And one day my friend took me fishing, to a place on the river
a little way outside the village. The current was slow and the water was dark,
and at a certain point my float bobbed and then went under ... and I brought
in a bright silver fish with red fins. It was a roach just a few inches long, and
something about that moment made me want to see what else was down there
under the water. And that's what I'm still doing, more than fifty years later.





So what is the secret to catching fish? Part of it is knowing that fishing is not as complicated as it can seem. And a big part of that is getting some good, simple guidance when you start off. Best of all is having somebody in your family who can show you what to do.

But if you don't have this (or even if you do) you will find this book a wonderful source of knowledge and inspiration, as you plan and make your first casts. It will help to give you the understanding and confidence you need – and a head start to your own exploration of the underwater world.

And, like me, you might be surprised where that leads. . .

Jeremy Wade

Presenter of *River Monsters*

