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ERNIE SCHWIEBERT DIES

FAMED AUTHOR and fly fisher Ernest George Schwiebert, Jr., PhD, died December 10, 2005, at his home in Princeton, New Jersey of renal cancer. He was 74. "Ernie," as he was known to most experienced fly fishers, had a long list of academic and artistic accomplishments. They included two doctorates from Princeton University, one in fine arts, architecture and planning and another in the philosophy and history of architecture. His first book, *Matching the Hatch* (published in 1955, when he was 24) made him famous among fly fishers, because it helped them understand and match aquatic insects with imitative dry flies to catch trout. His other books include his 1,745-page two-volume *Trout* (1978), *Nymphs* (1973) and *Remembrances of Rivers Past* (1972). He was working on an updated version of *Matching the Hatch*, a novel, and two other books when he died. Ernie worked for this magazine from 1978 to 1981 as Editor at Large and his writing contributions in no small measure contributed to its rapid growth. Ernie was known in the fly-fishing industry for his abilities as a fisherman and for his exuberant love of the sport, which was reflected in his writing. Schwiebert is survived by his wife, Sara, his son, Erik, of Birmingham, Alabama, and two grandchildren.

