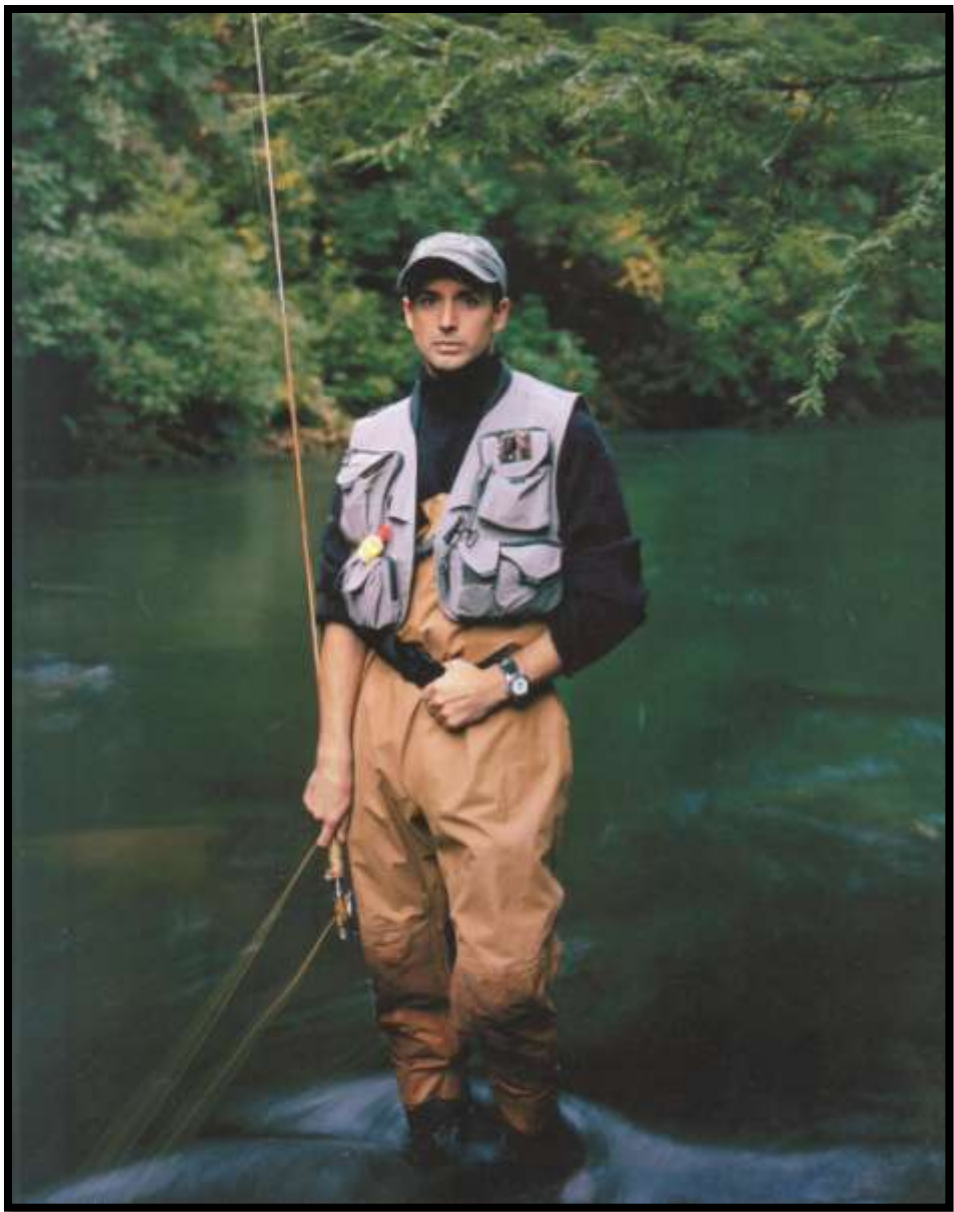


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GARDEN OF GUN

21ST CENTURY SOUTHERN AMERICA



by George Black

casting a spell

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Fishing on the Soque with a prominent writer and an expert rod maker

ALMOST NOTHING about the movie had stuck with me. As a native-born Scot, I still winced whenever I thought of Cyl Charisse's accent ("There's a laddie, werrry and wanderrin' frrree"). Other than that, nothing but the image of Gene Kelly peering down at the lights, and the rooftops emerging from the mist. That image, inevitably, was in my mind as I navigated the twists and turns of Georgia Highway 107, through the fog and the cold evening rain, until at last I glimpsed a minibus of light and the indistinct shape of buildings and an asphalt driveway with a sign that said "Brigadoon Lodge."



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Although the sky was over by lunchtime, the sun glimmered off the long pool, keeping it cool and shaded, just the way trout like it.

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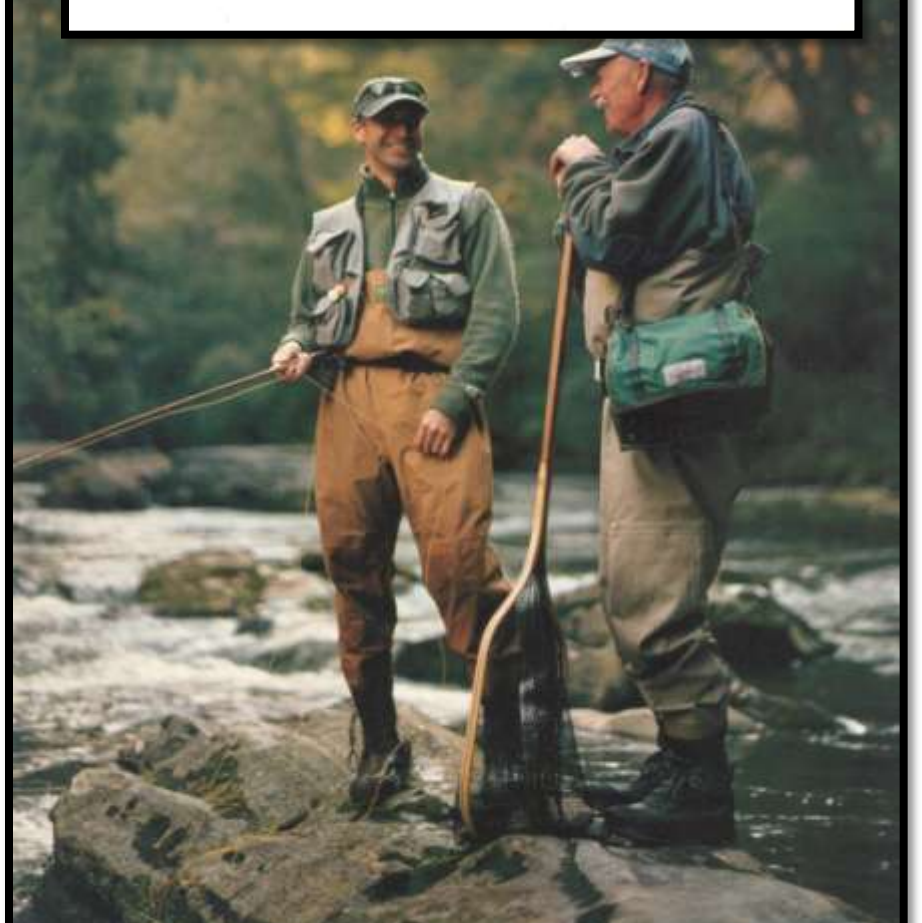
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