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## FISHING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MR. CRABTREE ooking back to my Mr Crabtree-crazed childhood, it is the cartoon on page sixty-eight of the original book that most had me enthralled. It depicts the plunging float and the bullish, brutal power of the barbel as it bores away from Mr Crabtree's rod. It is electric. You can feel the force of that fish surging off the page and, once it's netted, you melt to its gobsmacking, absolute perfection on the bank. Never, then, did I truly believe I'd ever catch a barbel myself but I did and they were even better in their reality than on that page conjured by Bernard, the master. I cannot praise the majesty of barbel more highly Over many years, I've come to know barbel and to adore them. If you are lucky enough to see them in a clear, relatively shallow river on a bright day, barbel are like no other fish. They're so compact, so strong, so in tune with the flows and currents as they sweep back and forth across the gravels. The colouration of each fish might well vary but it will always be sublime. The coral pink pectorals are almost a cliché but those

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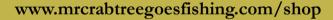


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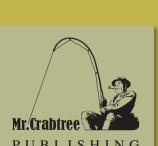


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