

Poontown by L.M. “Mark” Weeks

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Poon: a popular nickname among anglers for tarpon.

- 95,000-word contemporary eco-fiction
- Scheduled completion: 2024
- Contains diverse characters, romance, action, adventure, conservation themes, and competitive sports.
- Potential marketing: For fans of unique outdoor sporting and nature fiction and nonfiction like *Ninety-two in the Shade*, *The River Why*, *A River Runs Through It*, *A Land Remembered*, *The Longest Silence*, *Headwaters*, and *Lords of the Fly: Madness, Obsession, and the Hunt for the World-Record Tarpon*.
- Mark has cultivated an engaged community of fly fishing enthusiasts and book lovers on [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Threads](#), and [YouTube](#), making this book highly marketable on his social media.
- As Chairman of one of the "Big Three" tarpon fly fishing tournaments, three-time Grand Champion tarpon tournament angler, and multiple world record holder, Mark has opportunities to tie this book into his tournament and fly-fishing ventures worldwide.

Mark is seeking traditional publication representation for *Poontown*.

Synopsis:

In a crowded field, only five teams, each consisting of an angler and a guide, have a shot at winning the prestigious Sabalo Cup, a tarpon fly fishing tournament held in a Florida Keys-like never-never land.

The top competitors include Olivia, a Native American and former exotic dancer turned psychologist competing for the first time in a tournament dominated by men, and Greg, a successful trial lawyer who loves her but is ambivalent about their future together.

The competition begins even before the shotgun start for the decades-old tournament as the teams prepare to do battle with the Silver King and each other.

Each angler has his or her own reasons for wanting to win the grueling five-day competition to prove that they are the best tarpon angler in the world. Along the way, they learn things about themselves that only passing through such a crucible can teach.

As the teams strive to outdo each other and themselves to be the best, the hallowed tournament, and indeed the entire tarpon fishery, fight to survive against multiple threats to paradise caused by overpopulation, environmental degradation, and challenges from animal rights activists wanting to shut all of the fishing down.

One of Mark's first childhood memories is of worm fishing for catfish with his grandfather in Idaho. He started fly fishing for rainbow and eastern brook trout in a local mountain lake at the age of seven, emulating what he saw his father do.

Eventually, he took formal casting lessons and learned to tie flies. After moving to New York, he began fishing in the "salt" for striped bass, bluefish, and false albacore and upstate for steelhead and salmon.



Over time, things have escalated into a full-blown obsession for which the only cure is fly fishing all over the globe. See Mark's tarpon fishing bona fides, including three tarpon tournament Grand Champion wins, other tournament successes, and several world record catches at LMWeeks.com/fly-fishing.

[Watch Mark on Season 5 of Silver Kings](#)