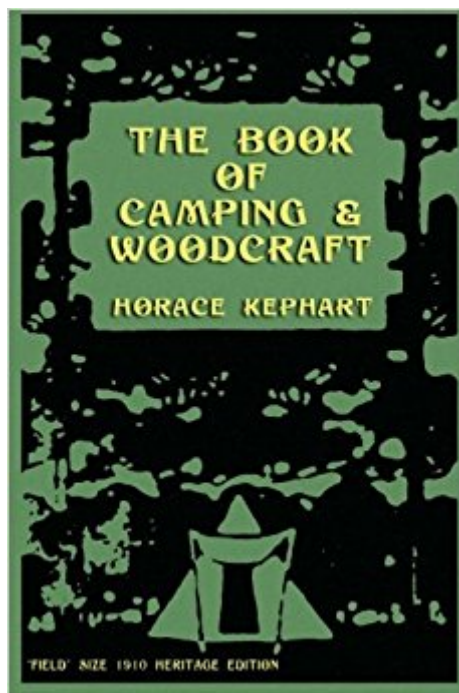




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# The Book Of Camping & Woodcraft: A Guidebook For Those Who Travel In The Wilderness



## Synopsis

NOTE: This description is for the 2011 reprint with the green and black cover, NOT the 2012 reprint with the brown cover "published" by RareBooksClub.com. This 2011 edition is an EXACT reprint of the 1910 edition, and reproduces the original layout and illustrations perfectly. There IS NO gibberish or poorly OCR'd text in the one with the green and black cover. "Your thoroughbred camper likes not the attentions of a landlord, nor will he suffer himself to be rooted to the soil by cares of ownership or lease. It is not possession of the land, but of the landscape, that enjoys; and as for that, all the wild parts of the earth are his, by a title that carries with it no obligation but that he shall not desecrate nor lay them waste." H. Kephart Intended as the definitive pocket field guide for the turn of the 20th Century woodsman and camper, the *The Book of Camping & Woodcraft* was originally published in 1906. This particular "Heritage Edition" appears as it was on the second reprinting in 1910. In 1916, Kephart dramatically expanded the book into two volumes to include wagon camping and semi-permanent base camp construction. These are the equivalent of modern car camping - just a couple of notches down from a motel stay. The 1910 edition is the "purest" of all the editions of "*The Book of Camping and Woodcraft*". Fully illustrated with photographs and diagrams and packed with woodcraft lore, this book is a must-have for any rugged outdoorsman or bushcraft enthusiast.

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## Customer Reviews

I could not be more displeased and strongly recommend against buying the hardcover "Scholar Select" version of this classic text. My eight year old son could make a more legible edition by taking

freehand pictures with my phone. Before buying, look at the attached image, which shows how the vast majority of the pages appear. Crooked photos, source material not laid flat, beginning and ending sentences cropped out, out of focus... I could go on. It is simply impossible to read from one page to the next.

This is by far one of my favorite reads from the turn of the century. I loan it out or buy new copies to give away all the time. It's a philosophical and practical guide to simple outdoor trips for beginners and those looking for information on the simple principles camping. The book is antiquated and has references that aren't deemed appropriate to the times for certain ethnic peoples, but not at all condescending. Every facet of camping during the beginning of the 20th century is included. Some of the practices have been discontinued for preservation's sake, but it's a very good guide for teaching the principles of both overnight and expedition camping. Kephart's writing style and vocabulary are excellent and he has a few other, more interesting books on his travels. The best part of the book is his expedition across Michigan with nothing more than a knapsack and a black powder rifle. This book is a great way to get children and young adults interested in the mystic arts of the outdoorsman.

This is in my humble opinion the greatest outdoors book you can buy. This man truly captures what being outdoors is all about. Some of the techniques and gear he speaks of may be outdated but you will find most of this book still applies today and there is nothing wrong with doing it the old way sometimes. If you are looking for an all rounder outdoors bushcrafter book then this is the book for you. It is also enjoyable reading this and seeing how they spoke back in those days. Simpler times for sure but even today we can enjoy the same things he enjoyed out in the bush. Buy this as a gift for an outdoorsman in your life and he will thank you.

I've purchased many books concerning camping, prepping and survival techniques over the years and have found that this book (although written over 100 years ago) has some of the best advice I've ever read. I had never heard of this author until I watched a National Parks show on PBS and Horace Kephart was mentioned; I'm glad that I caught the show! Will definitely keep this book at hand!

Essential reading for your bushcraft library. It is the best book ever written on the subject. I enjoyed it immensely. I learned a lot. You will not be disappointed. Everybody should read it twice !!! When

you finish this book you will function at a higher level. All other bushcraft books are measured against this one. So, read it first.

I have been camping, hunting and fishing since old enough to keep both ends of a pole off the ground. My family has been involved in the outdoors forever. I have had many lessons, tricks and tips given me, and have many books on camping and the outdoors. I read a review of Kephart's book and life in Field and Stream, so I bought it. Even after 100 years of advancements in gear and equipment, for just sheer knowledge, this is the most complete book I've ever read. Equipment will always change and evolve. The question is, how will you survive without it? This book has the answers, not only for all your questions, but for the ones you haven't thought of yet.

This is a great read for anyone interested in the great outdoors. I find it very interesting to read the style of speaking and thinking and the attitudes of the early 20th century American. Much different than today. Get this book and the one from Nessmuk too.

This compilation is a disgrace to the publisher. I had one of the original editions many years ago and was looking forward to browsing this book again like I did many times during my teenage years. In its unadulterated form this is the authority on how to be comfortable on the trail, while most of the equipment may have 'upgraded' materials, little else has changed in the art of woodcraft. This abomination of Mr. Kephart's work looks to be a cut and paste by a two year old. This review pertains to the "Scholar Select" edition with the black hardcover, no publisher indicated. I will keep looking for I have read the review that indicated the edition with the tent on the cover was well worth having.

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