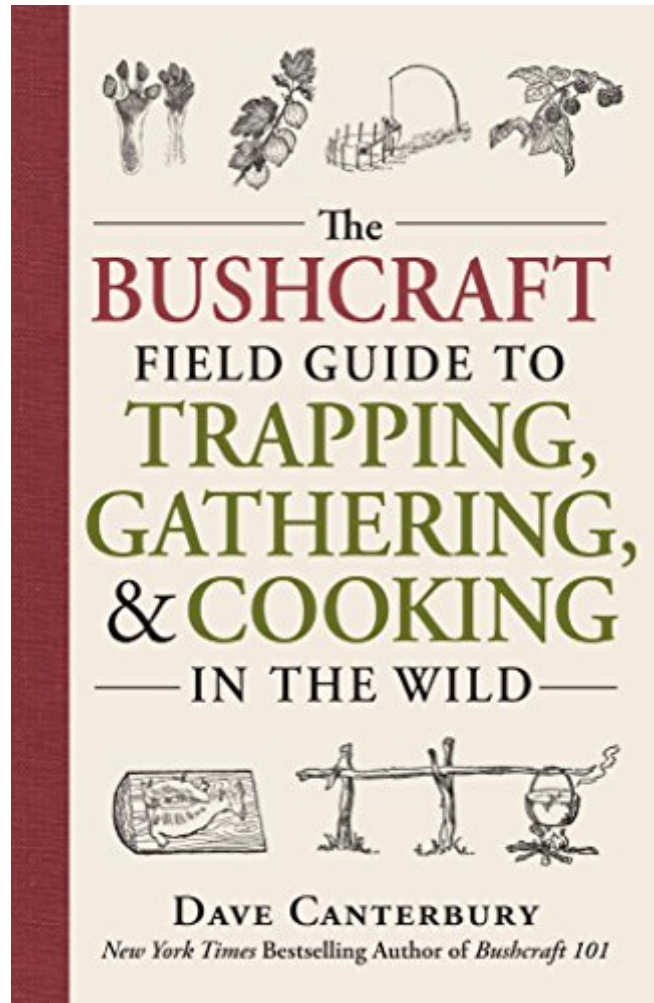


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# Bushcraft 101: A Field Guide To The Art Of Wilderness Survival



## Synopsis

The ultimate resource for experiencing the backcountry! Written by survivalist expert Dave Canterbury, *Bushcraft 101* gets you ready for your next backcountry trip with advice on making the most of your time outdoors. Based on the 5Cs of Survivability--cutting tools, covering, combustion devices, containers, and cordages--this valuable guide offers only the most important survival skills to help you craft resources from your surroundings and truly experience the beauty and thrill of the wilderness. Inside, you'll also discover detailed information on: Choosing the right items for your kit. Manufacturing needed tools and supplies. Collecting and cooking food. Protecting yourself from the elements. With Canterbury's guidance, you'll not only prepare yourself for any climate and situation, you'll also learn how to use the art of bushcraft to reconnect with nature in ways you've never imagined.

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## Customer Reviews

Just finished reading *Bushcraft 101* cover-to-cover and overall I am impressed. Dave covers a wide range of woodcraft related subjects, from tool and gear selection, to setting up camp, to harvesting food. In Part 1 he covers the "5 C's" (Cutting, Container, Cordage, Cover, Combustion) in-depth.

These are the items that will most directly affect your survival and ability to maintain your core temperature outdoors. They are also the hardest to reproduce in the wild from natural materials.\* He lists many different options for each category, historic and modern, and lists some pro's and con's for most of them. He gives his personal preferences for each, which usually favor durability and longevity over weight and price. Getting the best bang for your buck, as it were.\* He covers gear maintenance and repair which is nice.\* The knots section is well done, with clear illustrations. There are not a ton of knots here, but the ones listed are multifunctional, and useful in many different scenarios. If looking for an ultra-light hiking guide you may want to look elsewhere, Dave does tend to go a bit too heavy. But if you want solid choices that will last for many years and serve you well, his recommendations are a great guideline. Also remember that they are just that, recommendations. If weight is a higher priority for you, and you want to choose a Sil-Ny tarp over Oilskin, go for it. If you want Titanium instead of Stainless (and can afford it), go for it. Your experience in the woods belongs to you, go with what will make the time more enjoyable for you. In Part 2 he gets more into the camping side of woodcraft. He covers topics ranging from how to set up your camp, navigating terrain, and trapping.

Not All That Great Like another reviewer, I am also more experienced in the Bush and after reading this book, I thought long and hard about giving it either two or three stars. I gave it two because of the fact that this book attempts to do something that Dave Canterbury himself suggested NOT to do, that is confuse Survival with Bushcraft. They are not one in the same. I've read every review of this book, and have to conclude that the overwhelming majority of individuals are reviewing the personality of the author rather than the book itself. While the discussion of what is survival and what is bushcraft is murky, I think Canterbury in one of his excellent YouTube videos stated it nicely: (paraphrasing) Survival is an emergency situation of a life threatening nature in which your primary objective is to deal with immediate conditions in order for either a self rescue or having emergency personnel rescue you. Bushcraft on the other hand is essentially learning how to handle yourself and live comfortably in the woods. While this book claims that it is a "field guide to wilderness survival," It really is not. If we were talking ONLY of Bushcraft, I would give this book three stars, but since this book attempts to include some "wilderness survival" I'd have to give it two stars. And here lies the problem: The book doesn't really do an adequate job of either one. It is essentially a mish mash of both. And to add even further insult to injury, it even includes trapping with traps which is completely inappropriate nor particularly helpful to the beginning bushcrafter. Trapping is an advanced skill that requires an enormous amount of dirt time.

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