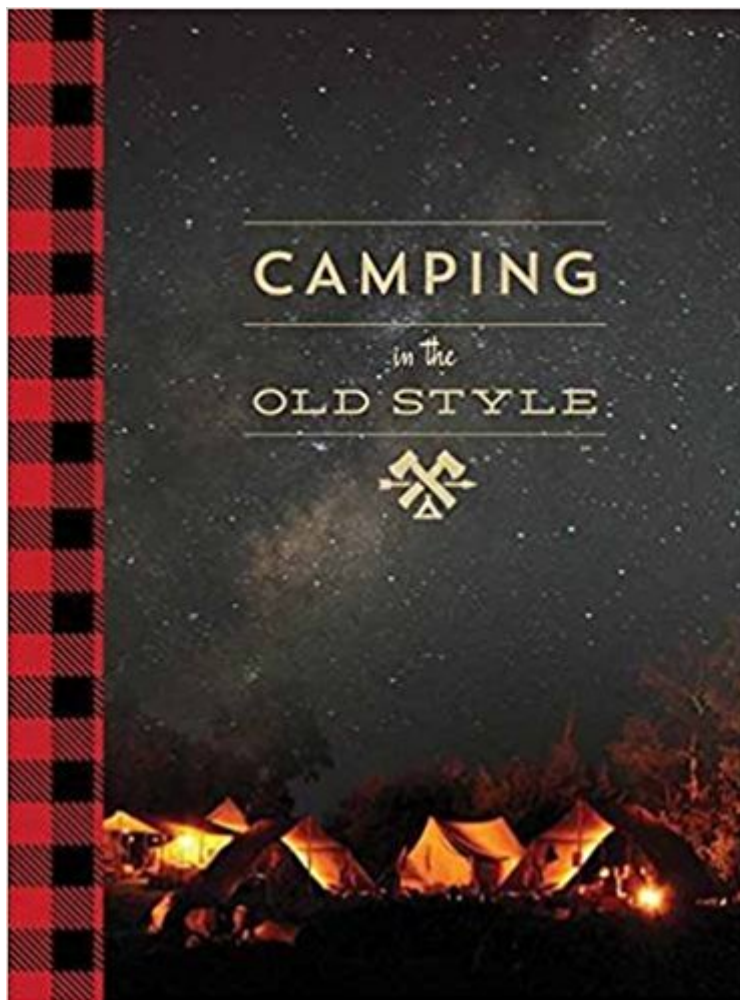


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# Camping In The Old Style



## Synopsis

Back before the days of RVs, nylon sleeping bags, and all the other modern camping conveniences, people still went camping. This updated and newly designed color edition of *Camping in the Old Style* explores the techniques and methods used during the golden age of camping, including woodcraft, how to set a campfire, food preparation, pitching a tent, auto camping, and canoeing. The book is loaded with nuggets of wisdom from classic books written by camping and outdoors pioneers of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, such as Daniel Carter Beard, Warren H. Miller, Ernest Thompson Seton, Horace Kephart, and Nessmuk, and author David Wescott includes his own methods, techniques, and philosophies as well. A generous addition of color photos of present-day classic camping enthusiasts supplements many of the fascinating archival black-and-white photos. David Wescott is the author of *Primitive Technology: A Book of Earth Skills*. He has been a lifelong enthusiast in primitive technologies and a leading figure in wilderness education for more than forty years, including as the managing editor of the *Bulletin of Primitive Technology*, the director of *Backtracks*, and the education director for the Boulder Outdoor Survival School. He lives in Rexburg, Idaho, with his wife, Paula.

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Camping in the Old Style is a journey through time, not only for the sake of nostalgia (although that is a legitimate reason for being here--a reverence for time-honored tradition is good enough), but also to bring the skills and techniques of our camping traditions back to life and blend them with our modern times for a more fulfilling future. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

What a superb book! In recent years, I have developed an interest in camping and bushcraft, maybe as a by product of popular culture's fascination with the zombie apocalyp/prepper movement. Whatever the case, I ordered this book as it is often held, in its original printing, because it is the authority on the subject. This book, with hardcover and quality paper, is perfectly edited for the casual enthusiast or the seasoned outdoorsman. Loaded with historical information, written in a way that would make Shelby Foote smile, the book presents a sliver of time (late 1800's to 1920's) thought of, by many, as the golden age of camping. The book is loaded with archival as well as modern color photos which vividly depict the development of this turn of the century naturalist pastime. With a forward by noted primitive skills legend, Steve Watts, this book is a wonderful portal providing a glimpse into an important part of Americana.

We enjoyed this book a lot, and will probably refer to it again and again. I have been looking for something like this for years. Worth the price for the nice photos alone. It also seems like a durable book.

This book was awesome when it came out in its first edition years ago and should be required reading for all bushman and outdoor educators alike. The author is a master woodsman and renowned teacher who brings his years of experience to the forefront in this classic book. This new edition is updated with color photos, new text, and refined illustrations that augment the historical references and show you how to logically progress with your skills using practical examples. Now, I just hope Wescott will one day write a book documenting his own voluminous experiences on the trail.

I'm reading other people's poor reviews of this and am beside myself. Those stupid low lifes should go try and find some 1/10th of the ORIGINAL information that is in this book. They would soon find themselves buried alive. This book presents fantastic information in a fun and informative way. If you can't read it, then you have been spending too much time in front of a computer and not enough

time in old books. I was very surprised by the amount of good bushcraft related information I was able to draw from this book, not just stupid regurgitated crap that everyone else seems to have. This book is a masterpiece, and as one of the only of its kind, I'm very happy with how it came out.

Don't assume that this book offers just a contextual look at the Golden Age of Camping, which unto itself would make it a must have for most. This book is ALL that, but so much more in that it is chocked full of PRACTICAL information that is relevant just as much today as it was over 100 years ago... and done so in a collective format from those Master Woodsman of yesteryear who still had a sense of the frontier that we never came close to understanding yet experience in our generation. Hats off to Wescott for a great book!

This book was not at ALL what I expected it to be and I'm OK with that. I figured it would be just another camp cooking - camp skills book to add to the library (for reference from time to time) but it is -much- more than that. It really IS a book about camping in the "old style". Well written with lots of great pictures. I can't imagine anyone who enjoys tent camping would not enjoy reading this book.

I loved the old edition, but the new one is a true work of loving art. Truly a wonderful and incredibly informative and wonderful book. Mr. Wescott flat hit a home run with this one!

Fine book, with some interesting ideas on revisiting the past via camping.

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