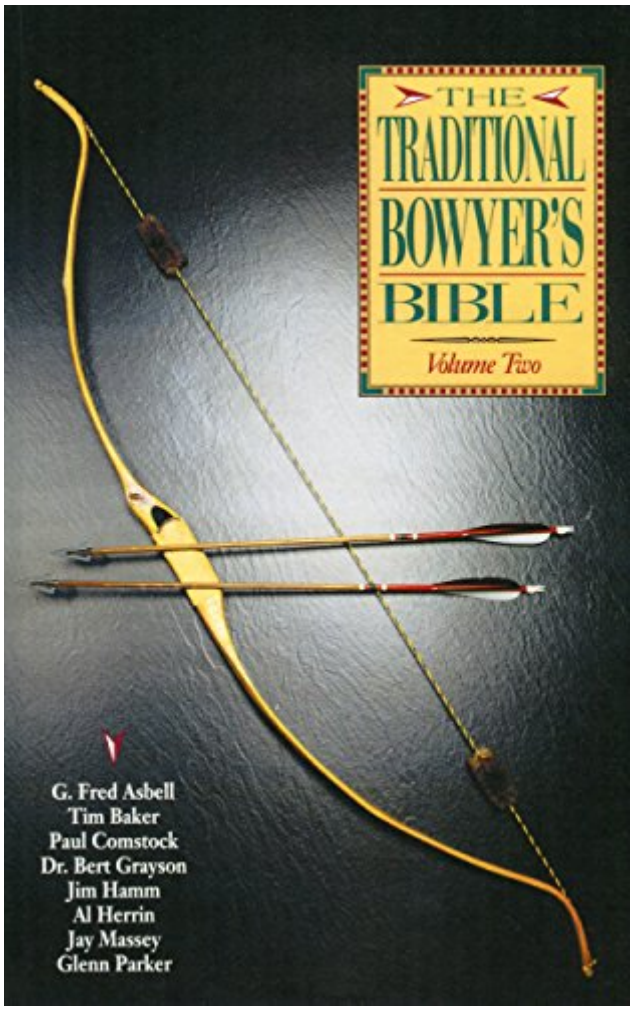
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Customer Reviews

These volumes can be expensive... But you get what you pay for, I assure you. The set goes over everything you would need to know. However, you won't fully understand what this book is talking about until you start covering your work space floor with wood shavings. My advice is read the section you want are about to tackle. As you read just know that whatever you don't understand is something you probably won't understand until you get your hands dirty. After you tackle that part of the process, go back and re-read the section. You will have all sorts of little light bulbs going off. This is used more as a reference for bowyering, not a read it once and you are good to go. You will learn something almost every time you read over this.So read it, try it, read it again.These volumes also have extensive sections on different styles of bows and arrows through different era's and cultures. Some of these bows will blow your mind, but also seeing all these different styles helps to

build your confidence in making your own bow. There are so many types and styles you feel less likely to screw up, because if your bow doesn’t come out the way you wanted it to, it most likely came out in a way that one culture or another used for centuries.If you are serious about wanting to be a bowyer at any level, take the plunge and get the set. You won’t regret it.

I enjoy exploring traditional crafts and skills our ancestors would have needed to survive in the wilderness, so this was a real thrill to find. The book is very complete in its directions and discussions on bow-making, and the illustrations are easy to use and follow. Though I have not (yet) actually tried to make myself a bow and arrows, I am sure I not only could but will in the semi-near future (a good wintertime project).There’s a Volume I calledThe Traditional Bowyer’s Bible, Volume 1Ã Â that I am planning on purchasing in the near future, since some of the things in Volume II refer back to the first volume, and in order to be completely clear on some of the fine points of making a bow, I think I need to look at both volumes to compare.The price was right, and the copy I received was perfect in every way.

It’s a bit convoluted - you have to dig the crafting information out from among the history and trivia, but if you are willing to go back and forth between chapters, re-reading and looking for the vital bits, the info is all there albeit somewhat more obscured than i would have liked it to be. The crafting info appears to be deliberately divided among volumes one and two, so if you don’t get both, you’ll be missing important bits.

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For those interested in making traditional bows these books come highly recommended. The instructions are simple enough for beginners, and detailed enough that experienced bowyers can learn several new techniques, a rare quality in many "how to" books. Explained very well are the theory’s or why’s behind the instruction. This volume, # 2 explains bow construction from boards, recurve bows, composite bows, bow strings from natural and manufactured materials, bending wood, steel points, and quivers. Bows from ancient Europe, and the eastern woodlands are studied and explained in detail. Chapters written on hints, shortcuts, and shooting accuracy improvement are also very valueable. The chapter on board bows was worth the price of the book by itself, as I am unable to cut bow staves from trees.

My 16 year old wanted this set for Christmas, so I got it for him. He read them over the winter and then as soon as school was out he made himself a long bow -- that actually worked. He had no prior woodworking experience, so I guess the books must be pretty good.

The old man's been making primitive bows for about a year now and had been looking at this series for a while. He was happy to receive Vol. 2 as a gift for his first book due to topics he'd seen listed in its previews he wanted to learn more about.

traditional bowyers bible books are validated by constructing a bow,i have not got that far yet.As a historical referance books they are unsurpassed.

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