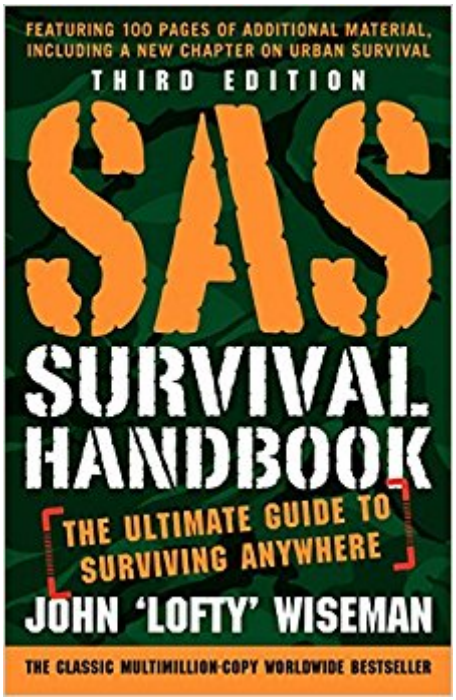
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With a good editor, this could be a good book.But as is, it covers too many topics, from how to deal with computer viruses (keep your software updated, use an anti-virus program) to warnings about scurvy (’always aim for a balanced diet’). There are pages devoted to wood-boring insects. There’s an illustration of a Corgi.Worse, the book is shallow in its investigation of useful options. For emergency winter survival, it’s odd to recommend an igloo (slow to make, hard to construct without a snow saw, and tough to complete in poor conditions) but to omit mention of a snow trench (fast, easy, and warm enough to shelter me on many trips), or even a snow-cave, a simple compromise.And the information shared has no filter. A beginner has no way of parsing the

laundry-list of knots to prioritize a square knot (essential) over a Killick hitch (easily replaced by more versatile alternatives); there’s no mention at all of how to make an improvised harness, despite several sections on emergency climbing and rappelling. In the section in explosions, Wiseman advises ways to safely exit a building before the spread of fire, but then says ’If you are caught in an explosion in a building, then stay there until safe to do so’ [sic], without further explanation.Finally, it’s unreliable. There are pure factual errors (people cannot survive 12 days without water, even in cool temperatures) and frequent mixing of good and poor advice (crossing a river in a group one behind the other is terrible, exposing each to the full force of the water, while crossing in a line facing downstream, with arms interwoven, is universally recommended).I don’t write many reviews, and even fewer poor reviews - why disparage something others enjoyed? But this is meant to be a practical book, and it sets the bar too low. Pare it down and keep the information accurate. At half the length this could be twice as valuable.Here are links to better books on the areas discussed. I know too little about bushcraft and trapping to recommend one there - any suggestions appreciated.For rope, climbing, and mountaineering skills,Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 8th EditionIf you just want information on snow caves (another better alternative to an igloo), Ernest Wilkinson’s slim book is out-of-print but easy to find:Snow Caves for Fun and SurvivalFor glacier travel, crevasse rescue, and high-angle rescue in general, Andy Selter’s book is remarkably efficient. A few pages go a long way on each topic:Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue: Reading Glaciers, Team Travel, Crevasse Rescue Techniques, Routefinding, Expedition Skills 2nd EditionFor emergency wilderness medicine, Eric Weiss’ books are the most popular, and they’re fine. But I prefer Buck Tilton’s, in part because I did my Wilderness EMT training with him, but also for their concise explanations. Here’s his most comprehensive:Wilderness First Responder: How To Recognize, Treat, And Prevent Emergencies In The Backcountry

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This book to me is one of the most important books in my library. Just like he said in his introduction

the world is changing and with change their is always danger around the corner to challenge our survival instinct. I never gave learning survival skills a second thought but now having a family I wonder what I could do if we were put in a situation that threatened us such as natural and man-made disasters or if I went camping in the woods and got lost. I went searching on the web and came across this book and I'm glad I purchased it (I also purchased build the perfect bug out bag by creek Stewart which I also give 5 stars). The third edition of the sas survival handbook covers wilderness survival skills such as:- preparedness- survival kit, pouch and knife- survival in different climates such as mountains, polar regions, islands, deserts and tropical regions- food such as how to catch and cook animals, how to identify what plants to eat and what to avoid etc- how to make a fire with what's around you- how to make tools- navigating with or without maps- surviving at sea- first aid etcThere is heaps of information that a novice like me can understand. Their is also a section on urban survival which covers self-defence, protecting your family and home and what to do when disaster hits your city. This book is very comprehensive and I recomened this book for everyone it is handy to keep in the house and defently a book to read here and there and it's something to practice because learning even the basic survival skills is a important skill in life.

This might look like a small book. But in fact is the best survival, bushcraft and camping book available. I have the larger Survival Handbook 3rd Ed. as well as the Romanian version, and these books are must have for everyone. Highly recommended!

A must have survival guide, super handy and very easy to find what you need in a hurry. This covers the whole gambit including how to prepare or deal with whatever climate you happen to be surviving in which is one step further than all of my other guides have taken it. It also covers meals and has great advice on not starving and how to keep from poisoning yourself. I've read through it once, employed the tactics twice and I've only had it for two weeks so far. This should more than pay for itself! Also it's affordable compared to some of the other guides at the same size. (Which do NOT include climate advice and prep). I will admit the book is smaller than I expected but quickly realized it fit perfectly in my day pack pocket, it's like it was sized like that on purpose.

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