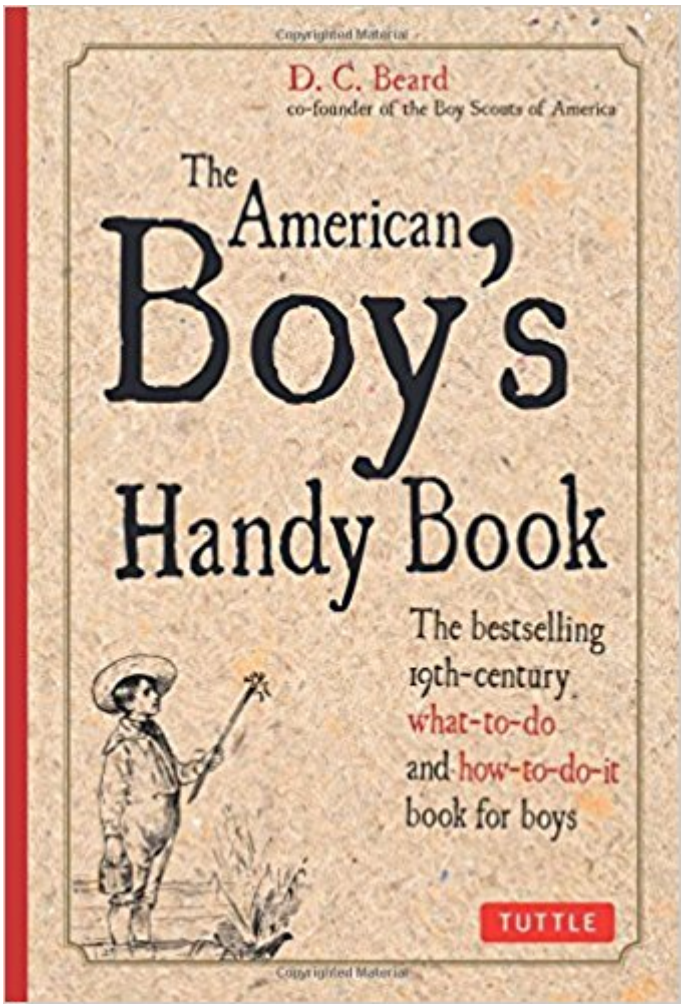
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Synopsis

Long before "danger" was a book for boys, there was The American Boy’s Handy Book by Daniel BeardÃ¢â ¬â •a beloved classic by one of the original founders of the Boy Scouts of America. The American Boy’s Handy Book was designed to provide hundreds of activities for restless young boysÃ¢â ¬â •adventures and games, indoors and out, in every season of the year. It was originally published in 1882 and became an instant bestseller.Now, this much-loved classic is back in print for a new generation to enjoy. If you’re not too young to fly a kite, or too old to enjoy a day of good fishing, The American Boy’s Handy Book is chock full of games and activities just for you! There’s something for boys of every age and for every day of the year in this book: Building and flying your own kite Making an aquarium Rigging and sailing small boats Camping without a tent Making a corn stalk fiddle Building a snow fortDaniel Beard, a founding member of the Boy Scouts of America, firmly believed in letting boys make their own playthings with their hands, to encourage them to value their own work and gain skills needed to successfully invent, construct and dream. This is truer today than ever beforeÃ¢â ¬â •in a world of video games and cell phones. Welcome the joys of childhood back into your children’s lives with The American Boy’s Handy Book, and help them discover hobbies, games and activities that will stimulate their imagination and create a sense of adventure in the real world around us.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

"'Uncle Dan' Beard was a co-founder of the Boy Scouts of America and longtime editor of Boy's Life magazine. He published this book in 1882, and its greatest benefit is to show us how much more effort and ingenuity was expected of boys back in the 19th century than is expected today. There are projects for every season, ranging from making a whirligig to making and sailing a boat. Hunting with blowguns, homemade crossbows and other improvised arms is covered, as is practical taxidermy for the trophies collected. To read this book is to realize what has been lost in 130 years." Ã¢â ¬â •Shotgun News"The capacity of the small human male to prevail in the face of adversity is grossly underestimated in today's society. It seems to me the solution to most of our ills is simply to let him go outside to run around a bit more. The American Boy's Handy Book will show you how to do it properly." Ã¢â ¬â •William Dabbs, MD, Guns magazine

Daniel Beard was born in 1850 and lived most of his life in Kentucky. From an early age, Beard decided to devote his life to American boyhood. He was a prolific writer, illustrator, the founder of two different societies for boys and one of the original founding members of the Boy Scouts of America. Beard's writings were a great influence on Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, and helped impress the need for preserving America's forests on them. Before his death in 1941, Beard received the only Golden Eagle badge ever awarded for his work from the Boy Scouts of America, and had the mountain peak adjoining Mt. McKinley in Alaska named in his honor.

When I was about 8-10, and on into my early teens, I checked one book out of our public library more than any other. That book was "andy boo for boys," at least that is what showed on the cover. The book was very warn and the cover had been taped with black binding tape. In so doing the first and last letters of two words were covered. The book was "Handy Book for Boys." I was talking to my brother a couple of months ago and realized his grandsons would probably love the book. So I bought my brother a copy, as well as one for myself. When the book arrived at my brother's house, the grandsons immediate confiscated it and began to devour its contents.In today's world, with our children captivated by the phosphor screen in their rooms, this book is a window to possibilities that this generation has forgotten. The memories that a family will build with this book will be a legacy that will only grow with time. Right now, my brother and his grandchildren are building a "bunk house" in his back yard. Oh, the stories that will be told as the years pass!Delbert Freeman

My son, who I will admit doesn't watch TV or play video game like most 14-year-olds, absolutely

loves this book. He has bookmarks throughout and is constantly coming downstairs with things he's made or going outside and creating something new. Great way to get your guys outside!

A must-have book for any young man. Helps have an appreciation for their modern conveniences and luxuries.

My Boy Scout troop had no intrest in the material within this book.The book was written for my generation the boomers. A couple of the drawings were useful. But all in all for the high tech age of our youth the book was not helpful

Gave this as a gift to my son for things to do with his son. Lots of great small projects and things to do. Also a lot of interesting things to know about and do with kids and a great way to get them away from the TV.

I did not realize that it was not illustrated even though it was in the description, my error. The text alone made it too difficult for my 8 year old grandson.

I was given this as a child by my father, who got it from his father. My grandfather knew Dan Beard and was a scoutmaster in the first scout troop -- our family lived in Flushing at the time and rented a house from Dan Beard while their own house was being built. I read all of his many books as a kid, and ordered this for the son of one of my friends. It's an excellent book and I hope the kid will enjoy it as much as I did. It's a wonderful antidote to all the video games and junk kids are bombarded with.

I liked it my grand son hated it, Old wisdom at its best.

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