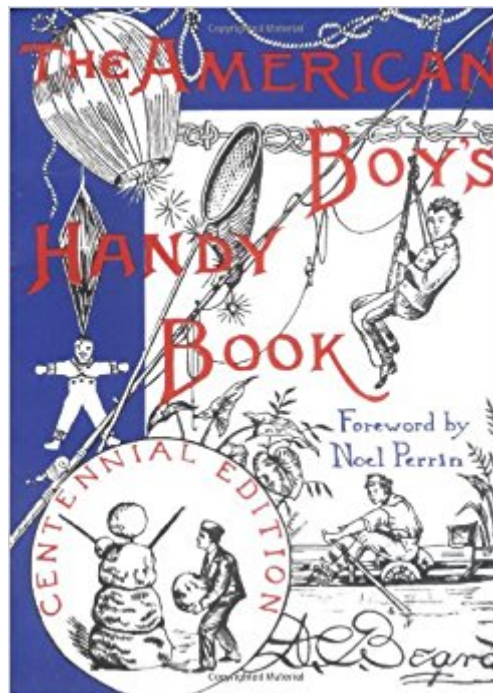




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# The American Boy's Handy Book: What To Do And How To Do It, Centennial Edition



## Synopsis

First published in 1882, this is a wealth of projects and games, with practical directions on how to make them, by one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. The ultimate pre-TV, anti-couch potato activity book, it answers the question, "What's there to do?"

## Book Information

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If Huckleberry Finn were to settle down, somewhere out there in the territory, and decide to become an author, he might very well come up with a book like this one . . . evoking the kind of boyhood that nearly every American man would like to have had himself, and hope that his son (or daughter) might still enjoy. --Washington Post Book World  
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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 and illustrator and the founder of two different societies for boys, as well as one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. Before his death in 1941, Beard received the only Golden Eagle badge ever awarded by

the Boy Scouts of America, and the mountain peak adjoining Mount McKinley in Alaska was named in his honor.

A kid's book from about 100 years ago. I've bought 11 of these and given all away. Now I ordered 3 more. Instead of kids learning the "recreation" of poking the screen on their phone, this has more worthwhile stuff like how to build hot air balloons with real fire, taxidermy, firearms, animal traps, how to build a boat and travel on a river, etc. and hundreds of pages of things like that. .This is the 1983 edition. They took some of the best stuff out of the subsequent edition, so buy this one, not the newer edition.

I read this book in 5th grade when I checked it out of our school library. I remember needing to learn how to tie a certain knot which is why I checked it out. At the time I thought it was pretty interesting but I basically left most of it unread and returned it when my knot project was finished. Reading it later as an adult I wish that I had given it more attention when I was a kid because it is a wonderful book. It has a place in every home, particularly homes with children(big and small alike) Another interesting point is the language of the book. Being that it was written well over 100 yrs ago the book has a bit of a different dialect. However it's pleasant to read. It's nice to see even a book on leisure topics written more formally and it's a shame more books aimed at children and parents aren't written this way. This book would be a great gift to any family looking to do something on a weekend other than watch TV. Books like this should be on the required reading list in elementary schools, not some of the garbage that's there now.

Purchased as a gift for a 12 year old boy with only minimal interest in reading, this is one book he has voluntarily picked up to peruse again and again. It also proved addictive for the 30 year old brother-in-law during the Christmas visit, so it is evidently a great one for boys of all ages!

Love this book! I bought it for my son at age 8. He was a creative type that liked experimenting and making things and this book gave him many ideas of things to try and the how-to instructions. Many of the skills included in the book are skills no longer taught to boys, but several still captured his interest. My husband also used it for ideas for activities for church father-son campouts he had to plan.

This is a fine book. We homeschool so this will give us projects to work on for a long time to come. I

don't have any complaints with the contents. Others have covered that better than I did. However, I do have one gigantic complaint, otherwise, the book would have received 5 stars. The binding on this thing is terrible. The glue is stiff which makes this thick book hard to open. Because it is a thick book, you have to pull the pages back a bit which caused the spine on ours to crack within 20 minutes. Grrrr. I would have preferred to spend the money for a decent hardback or a much better paperback. This is obviously a parent copy and we will have to look for a PDF version online.

Just like I remember this book as a kid. It's an excellent look into how people lived 125 years ago, but many of the projects can still be done today. Dan Beard was one of the early leaders in the Boy Scout movement, and this book is similar to the early editions of the Boy Scout handbook. Despite the name, this book would be great for Boys and Girls, if they are into outdoor living.

We actually ordered three of these books. My nephew sent one to my 11 year old son last winter. He loved it so much he insisted on getting one for a friend and each of his older brothers! If you are looking for old school ways to encourage manly creativity in a young boy, I would recommend this book.

D.C. Beard was one of the founders of the American Boy Scout movement. These books and the Sons of Daniel Boone, etc. preface what came to be the Boy Scout Handbook. Great crafts, skills, and hobbies from a lost time.

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