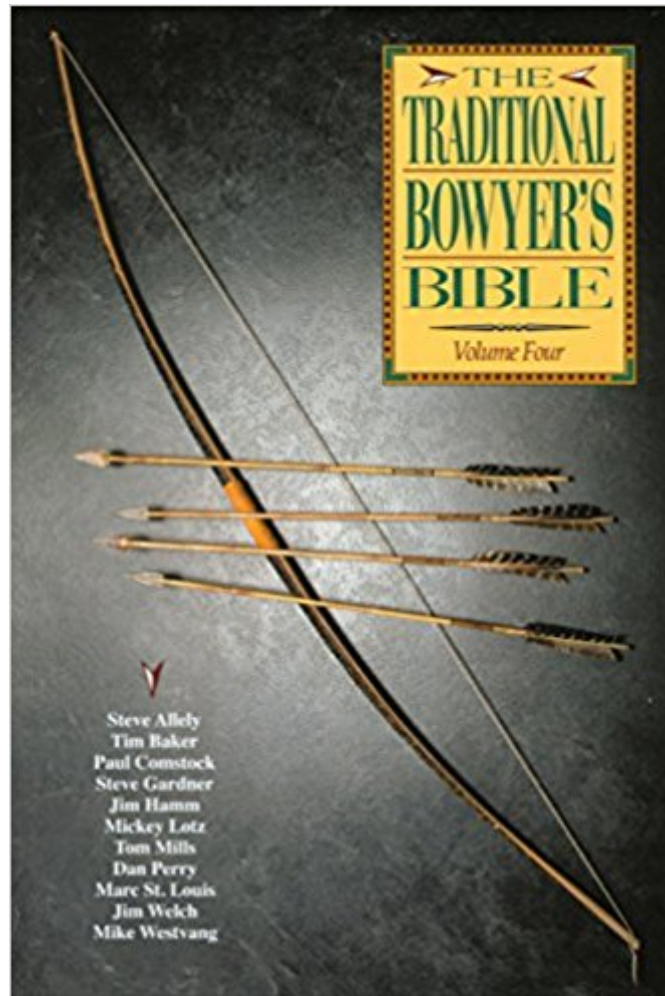




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Synopsis

The fourth volume in the immensely successful Traditional Bowyer's Bible series, this is a compendium of expert articles on traditional techniques of making wooden bows and arrows.

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Jim Hamm, one of the world's leading experts on traditional archery, has edited and contributed to the three earlier volumes in the Traditional Bowyer's Bible series, and is the author of Bows and Arrows of the Native Americans. He lives in Azle, Texas.

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.

If you have read the first three volumes of "The Traditional Bowyer's Bible," you will want also to read this fourth volume to continue your education in the history and technology of bow making. Even if you've not read volumes two and three you will find volume four to be informative and at times entertaining. However, do read volume one first so you are able to understand and appreciate what follows in two, three, and four.

This is one of the best series for learning about, understanding, and building bows and arrows.

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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.

Aside from the others three volumes in the collection. I recommend completeing your Tradtional Bowyers collection with this book. If you don't haf this volume in your collection it is recommended.

The most important books in bowmaking are book 1 and 4 of the traditional boaters bibles. I read a LOT on forums and blogs but nothing compares to the knowledge in these 2 books.

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