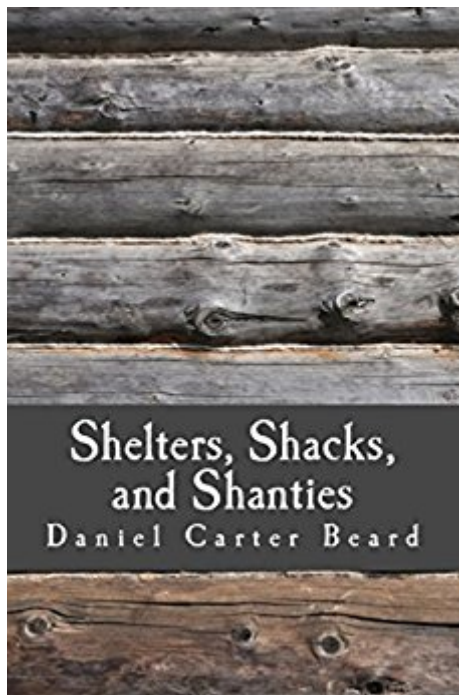


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# Shelters, Shacks, And Shanties: A Guide To Building Shelters In The Wilderness (Illustrated)



## Synopsis

Beautifully designed and carefully proofed for digital publication, this edition includes: • 63 unique illustrations relevant to its content; • Table of Contents with Quick Navigation. Originally published in 1914, "Shelters, Shacks and Shanties" presents step-by-step tutelage on all aspects of outdoor accommodation. D. C. Beard explains how to construct a variety of worry-free shelters appropriate to a natural environment that is by turns both friendly and foreboding. Included are a sod house for the lawn, a treetop house, over-water camps, and an American log cabin. Fully recognizing that the Outdoorsman builds a shelter with the intention of inhabiting it, Beard explains how to build hearths and chimneys, notched log ladders, and even how to rig secret locks. Illustrated throughout with instructional line drawings, "Shelters, Shacks and Shanties" harkens back to the can-do spirit of the American frontier and belongs in the knapsack of every modern scout, young and old alike.

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## Customer Reviews

I did not read anyone else's reviews on this book before writing this review. I call this a Boy Scout Book, because it appeared that someone has taken a fair bit of content as in grammar and illustrations from a Boy Scout manual. Then I read on the back cover of the book (who reads the back cover online?) when I received the book that states Beard is/was one of the founders of the

Boy Scouts of America, so that made sense. I was originally wondering how Beard could print this book without copyright infringement, lol. That being said, it is a pretty good book for covering the basics, generally, as it relates to various types of shelters. Some of the illustrations are about 100 years old, and not completely easy to follow for the average person, in my opinion, and certainly not for a child or teenager. Some of the illustrations are too cluttered or too "busy", also in my opinion. Overall, tho, the book has some nifty ideas, and I award 4 stars for creativity, especially from ideas generated about 100 years ago. It's worth the money to buy this book.

This is the ultimate reference to fabricating primitive shelters. This is a reprint of the classic book published in 1914. Authored by Daniel Carter Beard, an American illustrator, author, youth leader, and social reformer who founded the Sons of Daniel Boone in 1905, which Beard later merged with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). His book illustrates everything from Indian hogans, wigwams and lean-tos to log cabins, with details on hearths and chimneys. Additionally it covers caches and the use of the ax, as most all the shelters in this book can be made with only an ax and a knife. I highly recommend this book for the outdoors person, survivalist and scout-masters. This is a great read.

Although this book is only 5" - 6" tall, it is an invaluable resource. I purchased it as a gift, and as I always do, scanned it to ensure it is a good fit for the recipient. It gives instructions (and has color drawings) that even the uninitiated, such as myself can follow with ease. It will not overwhelm, has an easy style that reminds you that your common sense tells you how to build the structures.

This little book is an encyclopedia of the types of shelters built by native peoples and frontiersmen. It seems to have originally been intended as a how-to book, but assumes a great deal of knowledge of natural materials, tools and construction that most people today simply do not have. Therefore it's not the how-to book that I expected from the title. Even so, I gave it three stars for carefully documenting and preserving a record of the often clever and ingenious ways that our more rugged forbears sheltered themselves. Choosing, and figuring out how to build one of the shelter designs would be a great project for a scouting group or a wilderness class.

from learning how to build your first shelter to building complex log cabins this book was worth every penny. my son and i take it with us everytime we go camping and practice trying to make a new shelter

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This isn't a sit-down-and-read-it-through book, but it's an informative and educational book that, if you are interested in things like this, you'll like having on hand. I'm not a survivalist, but I do enjoy learning new things and just knowing how to do things. So, I found it interesting and I'm going to keep this one. If you like learning and knowing random things just for fun, or if you are a survivalist or have a chtf mindset, I think you'll like having it around.

I think this book was originally written around the 1940's or 50's and it was republished just recently and put on kindle. We have the actual book and the kindle version. The pics depicted in the actual book are easier to look at because the page doesn't turn on you like it does on the kindle version. That's really the only gripe I have with the kindle version of this book. The writing is easy for me to understand even if it was written many years ago, but I enjoy reading older books so it doesn't bother me. It starts off with basic shelter that every young man or young woman should know how to make for themselves if they were to ever find themselves lost in the woods. The author talks of different species of trees and which are best for each shelter, and he also talks about what is best for bedding. He progresses to larger shelters and expects the person to have knowledge of how to wield an ax or hatchet. It is a basic book, but gives one good knowledge to build on, pun intended. Since I've bought both the book and the kindle version, I felt that it was a worthwhile book to have for the knowledge needed to build a basic shelter and to work your way up to a larger shelter. I'm sure there are other books out there that are better, but for the money and the basic knowledge that is needed I feel this was worthwhile.

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