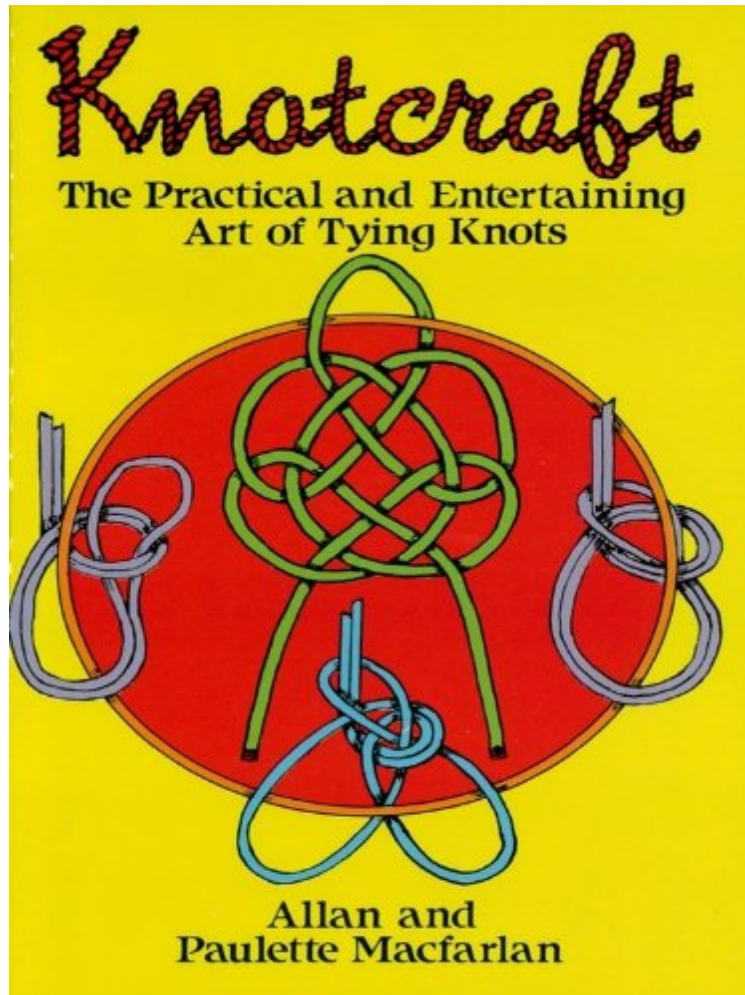


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Knotcraft: Excellent older text General knots, tricks, games. By Ro Walker  
Dover has re-issued this text corrected and unabridged from a 1983 book with a similar title. One correction they still need; under the Fishing section the so called "Turtle Knot" should be called the Turle Knot. It was popularized by Major William Greer Turle in the early 19th century. This is a clearly (black White) illustrated knot book that is an excellent transitional book between the older knot books (Clifford Ashley's and others prior to 1950) and the modern books with some of the newer knots such as the Hunter' s Bend, Vice-Versa Bend and Icicle Hitch. It has several knots I have not seen before. The above mentioned Turle being one, and the interlaced knot on the cover

from George Washington's sword being another. It also shows the famed Diamond Hitch used on packsaddles for horses and mules. (Zane Grey mentions it in his westerns, but not how to tie it.) This book is also very strong on knot tricks and games. Not very strong on decorative knots such as Turk's Head knots, gaucho knots, star knots and so forth. A very fine General knot book for beginner and intermediate knotting with particular appeal for scouting or campers of any ages. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Zatoichi Good book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Alpha Security Good Book

What's the difference between a square knot and a granny knot? What kinds of knots do fishermen use? How do you make a rope ladder? A tourniquet? What's the best way to secure a boat to its mooring, or pitch a tent? How do you tie stretcher knots? These questions and many others are answered in Allan and Paulette Macfarlan's encyclopedic work on the practical art of knot tying. Knowing how to tie a variety of useful and reliable knots is a necessity for weekend sailors and campers: it's a passport to safety and success. Rock climbing, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities also inspire the enthusiast to pursue the requisite knots. In unusually clear illustrations rendered by artist Paulette Macfarlan, accompanied by precise written instructions, the authors of this book explain how to tie hundreds of knots, including basic knots, stopper knots and hitches, toggled knots, knots for joining two ends of rope, hitches and knots for tying ropes to things, whipping, seizings, loop knots, horsey knots and hitches, decorative knots, lashing, and splicing. Practical applications are also discussed: rappelling, raft building, tracking a canoe or small boat, heaving line, log rolling, making a travois, and rope tent-frames, beds, and bunks. In addition to discussing the practical side of knot tying, the Macfarlans cover the entertaining end of the craft: knots and ropes in history and literature, knot mystery and magic in ancient and contemporary times, and games, tricks, and stunts with ropes and knots. Nearly every aspect of knot tying is represented in this comprehensive and concise reference work. Boaters, campers, boy scouts, and others interested in practical or decorative knots will want to add this volume to their bookshelves.