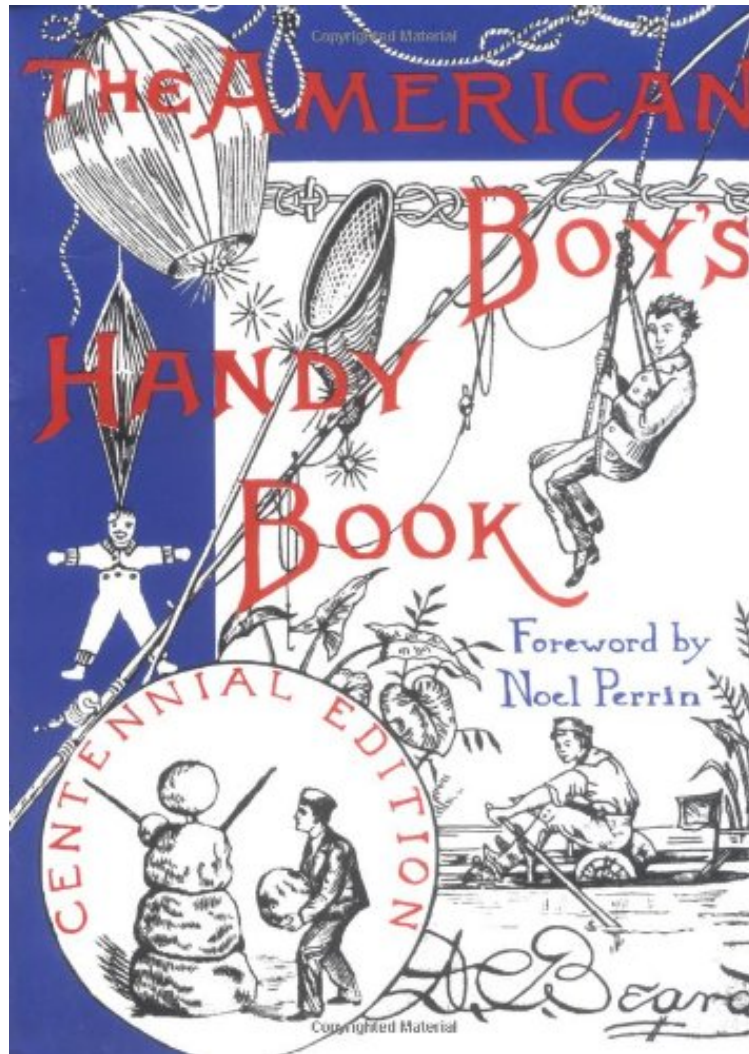


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that. This is the 1983 edition. They took some of the best stuff out of the subsequent edition, so buy this one, not the newer edition. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Americana By William Lattanzio I read this book in 5th grade when 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. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. so it is evidently a great one for boys of all ages By Gracy 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!

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?"

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 Today you can be privy to all these splendid secrets . . . printed on acid-free paper and sewn in signatures, it will last to be handed down to you great-grandboys. --Henry Kisor, The Chicago Sun-Times Today you can be privy to all these splendid secrets . . . printed on acid-free paper and sewn in signatures, it will last to be handed down to you great-grandboys. --Henry Kisor, The Chicago Sun-Times Today you can be privy to all these splendid secrets . . . printed on acid-free paper and sewn in signatures, it will last to be handed down to you great-grandboys. --Henry Kisor, The Chicago Sun-Times About the Author 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.