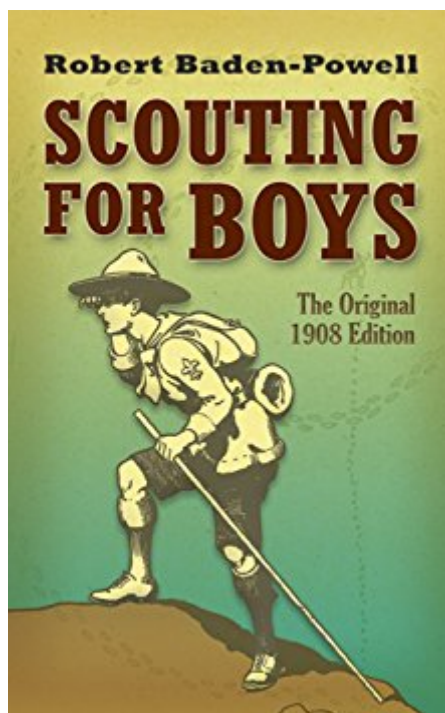


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Scouting For Boys



Customer Reviews

The B-P text aside (as expected, no further comment), the intro, notes, &c. by the author made this THE best edition to buy. As an old scout myself, I was somewhat doubtful of an analysis by a female, but whoever gave her the task was as much a genius as she is. South African Dutch, female, post-colonial Oxford expert.... touches all the bases one hadn't thought existed. Erudite, bottom line. Bought a cheap used copy to read, but will be buying a collector's-grade for posterity. Fave quote: "Dispatch running practice is carried out using disguises, except, self-evidently, 'dressing up as a woman'."

This is the original Scout Handbook. Scouting was started in England by Robert Baden-Powell. If you love Scouting this is the real deal, the original guide for Scouting. Read this and get an idea of what scouting's founder had in mind. I have been involved in Scouting off and on (more on than off) since 1974 and this provided me with a glimpse inside the world Baden-Powell lived in and what he intended for scouting. The best summary of his vision that I can come up with is from Shakespeare: "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." All Scout leaders should read this.

As a former reader of new editions of THE book for Scouting I was so pleased to put my hands in such a "relic" eager to analyze the perspective of the early 20th century. But from the beginning, the introduction by Elleke Boehmer was a cold bath, opening eyes to practical matters relative to the personality of B.P. or maybe the studied and straight actions and decisions taken by the founder in a lot of ways to start and continue the scout movement; introduction that'll be a weight through all the reading. In a positive way, though, you'll be able to see through the eyes of a defender of the British Empire in a haste to change the laziness of the youth in his time and encouraging to get up and "move the feet" using all the tools learned in campaigning: scouting, hiking, camping, study and respect of Nature, development of skills in handicrafts, knots, wood constructions, bonfires, etc. You'll have a clear sample of the real start and a glance of the problems with it.

I bought this with the expectation of adding it to a collection of books to pass onto each of my sons to have for their kids one day. It did not disappoint and I will be ordering a second one for my second son.

At one time, this book was second in popularity only to the bible. This is Lieutenant General Robert Baden-Powell in his own words, unfiltered by modern political correctness. As the editor correctly

notes; Scouting's " ...modernized handbooks gave priority to activities, skills, and awards, and minimized the overt ideological content of the original." Scouting for Boys is a must read for anyone interested in the history and traditions of the Scouting Movement, a critical read for anyone concerned about the direction the modern Scouting Movement has taken.

Great addition to my BSA books. *****

For any scout or adult leader, it's great to go back to basics and see how and why the Boy Scout program was created and has been so successful. Baden-Powell had a plan and he knew how to get boys to want to become member. From his writings you will a level of oddity about him but it just be the fact that he is British.

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