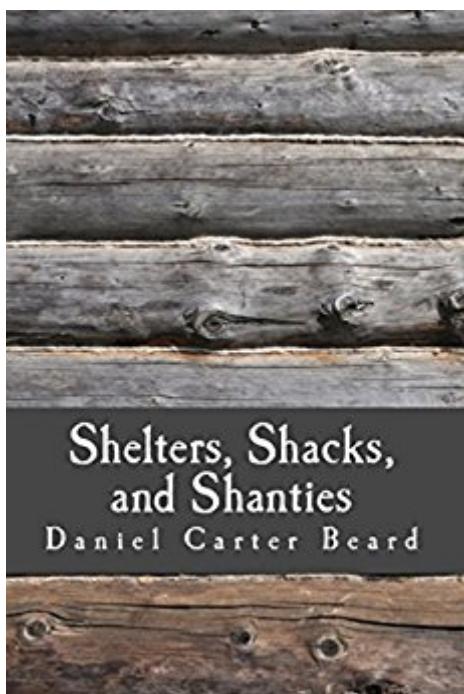


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# **Shelters, Shacks, And Shanties: A Guide To Building Shelters In The Wilderness (Illustrated)**



## 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

If only this book would of fell into my hands 30 years ago! I was lucky enough to be raised on 38 acres of land that was partially used for farming. A large portion of this land was just "woods" and it was here where my some of my best childhood memories were formed. The place was literally my

playground and I can remember going back in those woods to build forts and pretending to be Daniel Boone. I was never in the Boy Scouts but participated in a very similar program for boys known as the "Royal Rangers" for many years. I've always loved camping and being outdoors and I have continued this interest to the present day. Unfortunately, gone are the days of the fields, farms, and "the woods" for me. Today, my job has taken me away from my childhood home and into the city where I live on a piece of property about the size of a postage stamp. I have a five year old son and I have been determined to give him the opportunity to experience the outdoors by taking him camping. Whenever possible, I still travel back to my childhood home, and it is here that I think this book by D.C. Beard will become a valuable resource of ideas for my son and I. The book was written nearly a 100 years ago by a man who is considered to be one of the founders of The Boy Scouts. The book is very conversational, easy to read, and you feel like the author is speaking to the imaginative child within us all. There aren't a lot of technical details about how to build these "shelters, shacks, and shanties", just enough information, advice, and great illustrations to get you pointed in the right direction. As I am reading this book, I can't help but to think of the ideas and possibilities of how I could start building these things and it really makes me want to rush out and start building my next fort/campsite. It's like my inner child looking at a toy catalog! The book has a lot of good advice too. I can remember being a kid and building my lean-to shelters with my branches just thrown on the top and sides in any way they would lay. Beard gives advice on laying the branches in a way so that water runs off of them easily (ends pointing down). The book is full of facts and practical advice that is really helpful. I had a lot of fun reading through it, making notes all along the way of things that I want to try out when we next venture back home. As my son grows older, I hope to incorporate more of these lessons, ideas, and the enjoyment of the outdoors suggested by D.C. Beard. Just reading the book certainly gets me excited about our annual camping trip to the mountains of North Carolina as well. I look forward to reading some of the other books by this author and I highly recommend this one!

This book is "Old School" and one of the best I have seen for making shelters. It has a good bit of detail and pictures that really help. I got it for my Nephews but started reading it and was very pleased. It is a lot more than just shelters. The book talks about building ladders, Long term shelters even how to build a proper fireplace, doors and much much more. You could do well with this book. Many of the newer books do not carry this kind of instruction but just skim over a subject. This book is great! If you are serious about making it when the time comes then you will need this book along with many others but this one is a high value item. After water, shelter and food are what you are

going to need and this one book covers shelter nicely.

This teaches the basic progression of shelter. Which most people don't understand. Your first night in the woods could be sheltered by low hanging branches under a fir tree. Your second night may give you an idea to build something bigger that may be able to have a fire near enough to warm you and your new home. As things progress we all want some creature comforts and more control over the effects of nature, so we build a more permanent shelter that allows fire to enter the home.

If you ever have the opportunity to build a camp, playhouse, or cabin in the woods, then you should definitely read this book before you start. It has illustrations and examples of every sort of woodland shelter from a single-person brush lean-to to quite elaborate cabins, with simple layouts for the latter. There are also sections on some of the skills necessary to build the examples, such as how to split shingles and shingles and how to store and notch logs for a cabin. He also shows samples of cabins of different regions, historical shacks built by railroad workers and sod farmers, and platform shelters similar to the Seminole chickee suitable for damp or marshy ground. There is even an extensive section on home-made latches and door lock, including a couple of combination locks!

I purchased this book after JoeRobinBushcraft , a guy I watch from youtube who does Bush Craft builds, recommended it. I found the information in this book to be really well laid out and easy to understand. If you enjoy any aspect of building wilderness shelters or enjoy camping in a shelter you made then this is the book for you. If nothing else this is a very informative and interesting book to read and I am happy with my purchase of it.

...if you don't own any other books on the subject. I imagine much of this information can be gleaned from similar publications. The book is well written and easy to read. The illustrations, I'm sure were excellent in 1914 and, are still adequate now. Most of the designs seemed repetitive, though. I wish more attention had been given to lashing materials. If you are looking for that you will find almost none here. The book was fun to read and provided enough inspiration to make my brother and me attempt a large hut.

This book gives an interesting overview of how to build all sorts of shelters from a simple lean-to to a log cabin. He throws in simple details that I had tended to overlook, such as the different ways of jointing and joining a log cabin's logs. Another example is how to clay in a wooden chimney so that

it will not catch fire.

If you are a hiker or camper or a survivalist. .this is the book for you. There are many illustrations and many different types of shelters for any needs you may encounter whether its for one person or for several. It doesnt take up much room and may save your life to show you how to stay out of the elements which may just save your life some day.

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