



## Expand Your Reference Library

Nearly 40 years ago author/publisher Steve Fjestad created the Blue Book of Gun Values. Its growth has been a geometrical progression to the point where the new 37th edition should be sold by the pound. With 2,512 pages covering 1,500+ manufacturers, nearly 30,000 gun model descriptions, and over 180,000 prices, this edition contains more information, values, and history than any other guide on the market.

The prices listed are based on research of retail transactions at dealers, gun shows, auctions and input from collectors, firearms manufacturers, historians and more. This research never stops as the market is ever changing.

The Blue Book of Gun Values is the place to start whether you are buying, selling, or just curious about the value of Grandpa's shotgun. The Serialization section can tell you what year that shotgun was manufactured.

The most important factor when evaluating a firearm is condition. A Colt single action showing wear from years of carrying and shooting is worth more than the same handgun that has been refinished. By the way, Colt single actions are making a nice comeback. The popularity of major trademark discontinued double action revolvers is on the rise and the Colt "snake guns" such as the Python and Anaconda

have gone through the roof.

Politics plays a big part in the AR-15 market as we have seen them go from \$500 to \$3000 and back down to \$500 and here we go again. Older collectible firearms are usually a safe investment if we do our research.

The Blue Book of Gun Values simplifies our condition questions with 80 pages of high res color images in the Photo Percentage Grading System. Wondering what 80% condition is? Look in the book. The 37th Edition of the Blue Book of Gun Values is available online at [www.bluebookofgunvalues.com](http://www.bluebookofgunvalues.com). There is also an online version if you are tight on book space.

You are on a back country trip and your pack is filled with everything you need to camp in style. What do you do when your canoe tips over and your pack sinks out of sight? Or you are driving on a lonely road on a dark and stormy night and you skid off the road. Can you make



Two excellent additions to an outdoor library are Steve Fjestad's "Blue Book of Gun Values" and Susan Ebert's "The Field to Table Cookbook - Gardening, Foraging, Fishing & Hunting."

do with what might be in your trunk?

In Survival Hacks: Over 200 Ways to Use Everyday Items for Wilderness Survival survival expert Creek Stewart lays out easy-to-follow tricks to transform everyday items into valuable gear that can save their lives.

Creek's started leading survival course trips at the age of 21, and is the owner and founder of Willow Haven Outdoor. He has been a contributor for Fox & Friends, Men's Fitness, Outdoor Life, and MSN News among other outlets including The Weather Channel's popular Fat Guys in the Woods television series. He has authored Build the Perfect Bug Out Bag: Your 72-Hour Disaster Survival Kit and The Unofficial Hunger Games Wilderness Survival Guide.

This guide covers such topics as creating a one-person emergency shelter from a trash bag, purifying water using a plastic bottle and the sun, using sticks and rope to make a table, and making a newspaper oven.

Since it is best to be prepared Creek offers instruction on packing various everyday carry kits, pocket-sized survival kits and lists essential tools. Like most items these days Survival Hacks may be found at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Many of us hunt and catch it, but don't know what do to with it other than

broil, bake or chicken fry. Susan Ebert has greatly increased our options with her The Field To Table Cookbook: Gardening, Foraging, Fishing & Hunting.

Susan knows her way around the field and the kitchen as she began hunting, fishing, foraging, gardening, and cooking as a child on her family's Kentucky bluegrass farm.

She moved to Austin, Texas, in the 1980s to attend graduate school and work for Texas Monthly. She served on the Organic Gardening magazine staff for nearly a decade.

In the late 1990s, as publisher and editor of Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine, she conceived and developed the "Wild in the Kitchen" series. She writes about wild game and fish cookery for the Houston Chronicle. This well thought out and beautifully photographed book takes us through the seasons and the months to give us a chronological order as to which animals to hunt, fish to catch, and what native nuts, berries, roots, and leaves are prime for foraging.

Also, there are tips on year-round organic gardening along with tips on

dressing, deboning, preparing, drying, curing, and preserving. The preserving hints are especially handy as I have things in my freezer that I have no idea of their date of origin.

Leafing through the months we find September offer Dove Etouffee, Redfish in Banana Leaves, Teal Pot Pie and Thunderbird Margaritas. October gives up Chicken-Fried Quail with Cilantro Dipping Sauce, Baked Flounder with Shrimp Hollandaise Stuffing and Miss Graces Buttermilk Biscuits. Be hungry for November with Venison and Hog Spicy Cabbage Rolls, Crab-Steamed Sheepshead and Roasted Pintail. Celebrate Christmas in December with Dry-Aged Venison Backstrap with a Cumberland Sauce, Roasted Duck with Honeyed Figs and Pecan Sticky Buns.

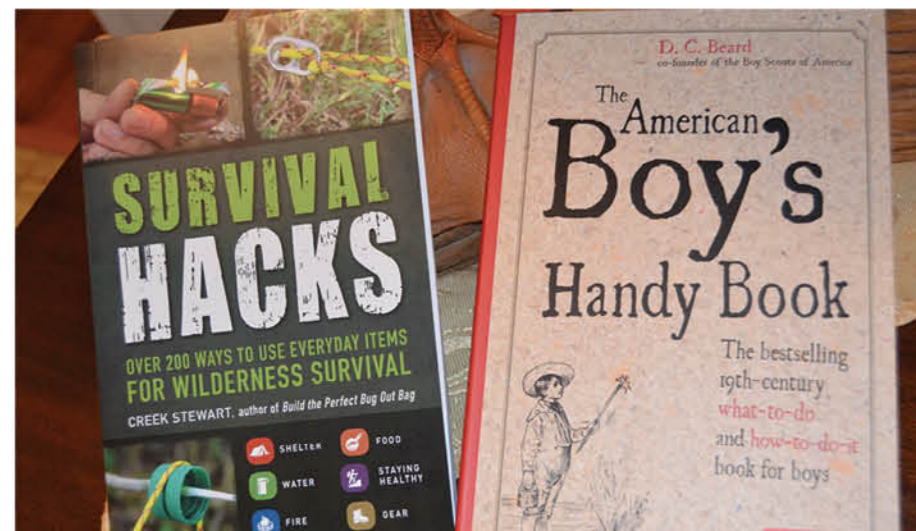
Start off the New Year in January with Spicy Duck Skewers with Yellow Sauce, End-of-Deer-Camp Venison Chili and Canvasback Sauerbraten with Red Cabbage and Apples. There are so many outstanding dishes it will be fun to work your way through the book.

With the big organic fare to table

restaurant movement, The Field to Table Cookbook is a much better alternative to those cafes that charge \$30 for kale soup! The Field to Table Cookbook is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Anybody old enough to remember building and flying your own kite? Originally published in New York City in 1882 with 254 black-and-white figures and 63 illustrations, The American Boy's Handy Book is a handbook divided into seasonal sections with activities intended for boys, written by a founder of the Boy Scouts of America, Daniel Carter. Well, the book has not changed. Get your son and daughter away from the xBox and iPhone and join them in doing crafts that teach skills and excite minds.

As a kid I had much more fun building forts out of cardboard boxes than I have ever had in front of my PC's screen. Gather round the table and learn knots and hitches. Rig and sail small boats. Teach them how to make blow-guns, squirt-guns, and a spring shotgun. Lighten up by creating a kaleidoscope. Great fun, and of course, The America Boy's Handy Book is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). **T&J**



When it comes to "how-to" books D.C. Beard's "The American Boys Handbook and Creek Stewart's "Survival Hacks" cover lots of bases.

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