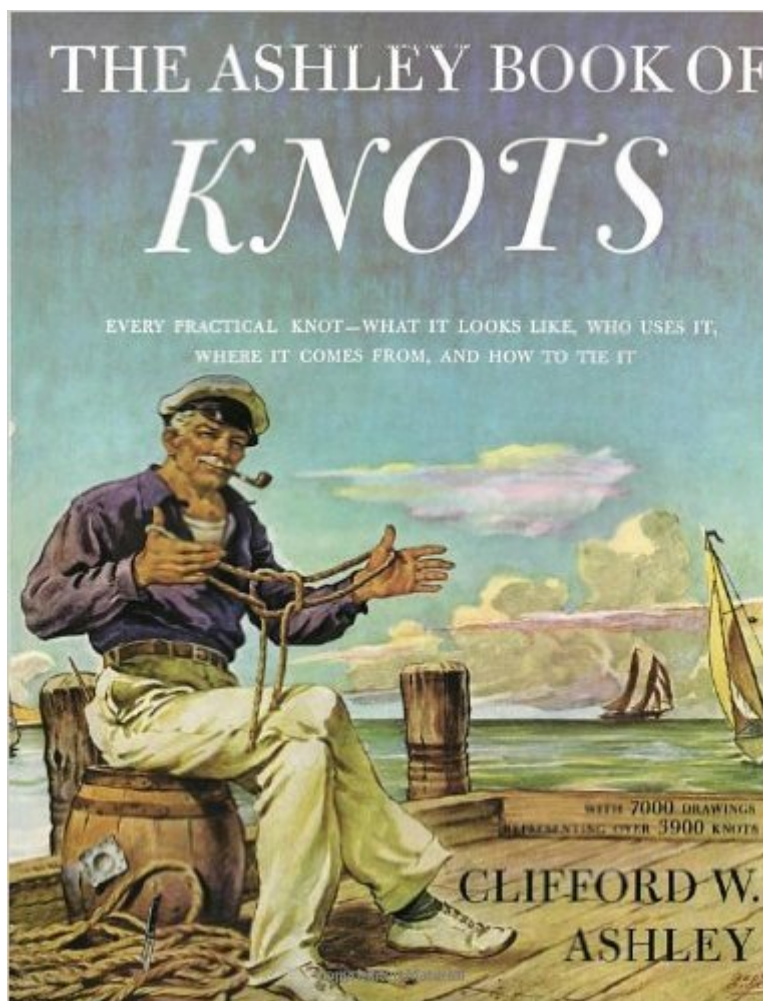


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This is the definitive book on knots. Here are approximately 3900 different kinds, from simple hitches to the Marlinspike Seamanship. Mr. Ashley has included almost everything there is to know about them. Precisely named and classified (some new ones for the first time officially), they can be easily found in the big index. He tells when they appeared, something about their history, and what they are good for. Above all, Mr. Ashley gives explicit directions on how to tie them. He describes each step simply and clearly in the text and has penned right alongside some 7000 drawings to make it still more graphic. This book and a piece of cord will open a new and challenging world of practical adventure to readers of all ages. Mr. Ashley has devoted eleven years to writing this book, and it is based on forty years of looking for, trying out, and thinking up new knots. His drawings abound in humor and the text is full of colorful anecdotes. The Ashley Book of Knots will make a unique and permanent addition to any library.

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Customer Reviews

The Ashley Book of Knots takes us back to a time when knots saved lives and put dinner on the table. Whether out at sea or in a pioneer cabin, knots were a part of daily life, one that is nearly lost today. But in this attractive, well-organized archive of more than 3,900 different knots--presented through 7,000 illustrations--the art of knot tying lives on, both as a historical reference and a reservoir of handy knowledge.

CLIFFORD W. ASHLEY had two ruling passions all his life: marine painting and knot tying. A

student of Howard Pyle's, he is represented in the permanent collections of museums and libraries all along the East Coast. At the time of his death he was one of the world's leading authorities on knot tying. Both these interests kept him close to the open sea, and when he wasn't trading knot knowledge with sailors, his easel was set up on wharves, decks, or shorelines.

A wonderful book; The bible of knots. Clifford Ashley was an artist, author, sailor, and knot expert. He wrote and illustrated this book. ABOK is referenced everywhere. Each knot is numbered. The same knot by shape and structure may have several uses and therefore may be presented many times with a different number. It is more than a reference and is scattered with interesting stories from the author. If you start at the beginning and work your way through it you will surely be the knot guru in your local community. Some of the illustrations on how to tie the knots may be challenging but keep on it and you will be able to figure it out. This is the life's work of a man, a collection unparalleled. Mr. Ashley wrote the book in 1944 and died in 1947. Since then there have been many changes and improvements in the manufacture of rope including the development of synthetic materials. I simply wish someone could update this book with the very few new knots missing from this mammoth work.

OK, to be honest, you have to own this book because it's a classic. If you like studying knots, how could you not (pun not terribly intended). But.....the Des Pawson or Brian Toss books are better because the diagrams are far clearer. Still, you have this.....

I don't know good this book is for actually learning how to tie extremely complex knots. The pictures and instructions aren't really specific enough. I'm completely enthralled by the actual descriptions of knot uses and the pictures. Some are simple enough that you can learn but I think more modern books are better teachers. That said I love this book and don't regret buying it in the least. It's very fun and interesting to read and to see some of the historical knots used by different trades.

This book is the knot bible. It is a fantastic reference to have around and also provides hours of entertainment if you are a knot geek like me. As I watch TV, I leave the book on the couch next to me and learn new knots. It is a surprising book in two respects. One, Ashley manages to show you how to do most knots in one picture, occasionally two or three. That is a real talent. Look online for knot instructions and you will see twelve pictures per knot. That almost makes it more confusing. The other surprising thing is that the little paragraphs about each knot are really interesting. I have

learned a few things. If you like knots you probably need to own this.

But it's so arcane in its nomenclature and varieties of apparently identical knots, that I would not recommend to even a somewhat experienced knotsperson if a practical how-to is needed. There are a plethora of more specific alternatives, and far less expensive. However, the sections on decorative knotting are extensive, and if one is ready for that, this is a good resource.

I purchased my copy at the Mariner's Museum, Newport News, VA in the late 1950s. It is THE ULTIMATE KNOT BOOK. I spent many hours, in my youth, studying/trying to copy the knots. I occasionally, look through my copy still. What a pleasure it has been. I recently purchased another copy to give as a gift. If someone you know has an interest in knots, ropes, marlinespike seamanship, etc. Give them a copy.

Came up to more than my expectations. I Bought a lesser (Simplified) Book of Knots a couple of months back. Told it to a friend who is a retired Ships Master, and he said that if I really wanted to look into the subject, and learn some seamanship, I had to buy The Ashley Book of Knots. I am a retired Ships Radio Officer, and now I have all the time in the world to do things that gives me interest and enjoyment.

Possibly the best book of knots ever! I had this book quite a few years ago but lost it during a move, at any rate, I am happy to have another. I won't go into detail on this book because other reviews cover it very well. I will say I was a bit leery about spending this much on it simply because I have purchased other hardback books in the past where the binding and spine was poorly put together however, not the case with this one, very well put together. Very pleased with this book, Again... possibly best book of knots EVER!!!

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