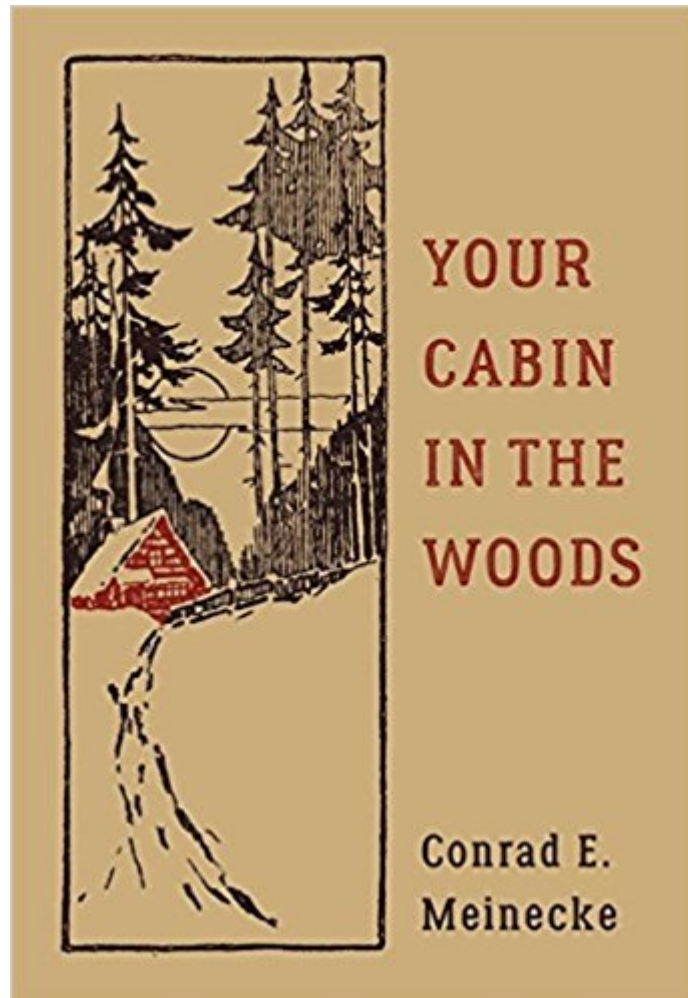




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Your Cabin In The Woods



Synopsis

Ever dream of escaping to a cozy cabin in the great outdoors? This unique bind-up of Conrad Meinecke's classic works helps make that a reality, while imparting a deeper appreciation of nature and of building something with your own two hands. For 70 years, readers have been enjoying Meinecke's odes to the simple life, *Your Cabin in the Woods* and *Cabin Craft and Outdoor Living*. For the first time, these books are combined into a deluxe two-color vintage package. In writing both practical and inspirational, Meinecke details how to turn your cabin dream into a reality, from choosing land to using tools to the basics of construction. He provides hand-drawn floor plans for a variety of cabins, from a simple two-room to a more complex long house. A number of sections focus on the best way to build fireplaces, both indoors and out. He also provides instructions for basic furniture, lighting, and other touches that make a cabin feel like home. Throughout are Meinecke's thoughts on ways to enjoy your new-found space, from hearty fireplace recipes to the types of wood for a perfect fire and the beauty found in birdsong. Practical as it may be, the book's enduring appeal owes in large part to its warmly engaging tone and firm belief in the restorative power of nature and the satisfaction of hard work. He writes, "Take full enjoyment in the building. Take time out to rest. Most city folks seem always to rush things through. Why? Lay off until tomorrow. Take an afternoon nap. Stop the clock for the weekend. Get off to an early start in the cool of tomorrow morning. You may be crowded in your work in town, but this should be your rest cure, your recreating."

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Customer Reviews

Conrad E. Meinecke was a leading figure in the Boy Scouts of America, as well as director of the Boys' Home of the Buffalo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He built a number of cabins and detailed his experiences, as well as love of nature, in these time-honored classics. He died in 1971 in Springville, NY. Victor Aures was a painter and illustrator, best known for his work in the 1940s on the Handbook of the Boy Scouts of America, Your Cabin in the Woods, and Cabincraft and Outdoor Living. He died in 1974.

Inspirational starting point for getting ready to build a cabin, whatever size, in the woods. The author puts you in control, only gives you tips and inspiration, not a step by step guide, which I found even more helpful. The book is oversized, intentionally giving you space in the margins to make notes. I hope to have this book on the shelf of my cabin in the woods one day.

This treasure is one of those OLD, but revisited classics that was republished in a second and third printing... as well it should be. In my opinion it is THE standard for building cabins. A gifted architect, long before blueprints became unreadable to the average layman, Conrad illustrates his text richly with VERY well-laid out cabin designs and illustrations that transport the reader to the sacred backwoods. Superbly and concisely written for the common man with a dream of "getting away from it all," I believe the only work similar in significance is the ethereal "One Man's Wilderness" in its original over-sized version with those extraordinary illustrations. I discovered both of these classics on the shelves of the ancient college library I was privileged to use while pursuing post-secondary education. I was one of the last classes to graduate before they closed the old place... who knows what happened to all those priceless books, but I now own personal copies of both!

Even if you just came back from the woods this book would make you want to return very soon. It is a great look at not only how to build a cabin but how to enjoy it. It gives simple instructions on how to build stable buildings and how to really enjoy your time while doing it. It is a good philosophy to live by as well. It talked about why the early settlers of the west enjoyed their time so much and risked so much to obtain it. I read the whole book in two sittings and loved it. I often had to put it down because the thoughts it puts into your mind make you lose track very easily of the book, which I think every book should do. It was a great book and I recommend it to anyone who has any kind of slight inclination to be in the out of doors, even if just for a picnic. And I recommend it even more to those who want to build a cabin in the woods.

This book is from another time. And as you read you will be transformed to that time. Then you realize that the world he speaks of is attainable. So you get energized and excited to try and accomplish a cabin of your own. Pros: this book has the cabin essence that is missing in today's life. read it and you'll slow way down. you might even begin to realize how far you've been removed from truly enjoying life. this book has floor plans, sketches and cabin ideas. it also has cabin related tasks: cooking, building furniture, building a fireplace, etc. Cons: for some this book might feel like fiction. the prices of materials are very low. Ideas in the book may not match building codes of today. All in all this book is charming, refreshing and great to have around. It is like having a real piece of cabin history, with a guidance on how to live even now. It is set in a time we don't visit anymore...things were slower, God was mentioned in casual conversation and prices were less. It is less about structure and more about the cabin spirit. This man is a real man...he can make a fire, cook a meal and return to the dining table clean and in great spirits.

This was a gift for my husband and he's thrilled with it. Unfortunately, the hardback book was sent in a padded envelope, and the front & back corners of the cover were smashed. Disappointing...

I picked up an original copy of *Your Cabin In The Woods* many years ago and read it thoroughly over the course of about six months. In the following years of marriage (and divorce)(twice)raising a family and moving accross the country I lost track of this book and have no idea where it went. After surviving a serious illness I moved back to the Maine woods where I decided I would make the most of my time on the planet. After a futile search for the lost copy I found the book on and ordered one for myself. After reading it again I decided it would be an appropriate gift for my two grown daughters as a guide to survival in a world gone mad. "Meinecke offers practical, affordable and sane advice on how to make our own little heaven, our own Cabin in The Woods. Everyone I have shown my copy has ordered one , or more, for themselves or their loved ones. I may have to buy more as gifts for my friends who share my spiritual journey.

This is a great book with many interesting pictures. We have 2 log homes and it's a lovely coffee table book to peruse through when relaxing.

Really pleased to see this back in print. I have loved the one dad had since childhood, now it's mine, and I wanted a copy for my nephews.

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