



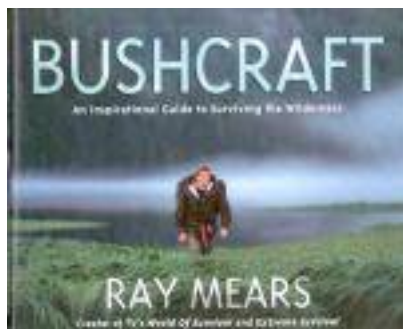
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# Outdoor Survival Handbook, Bushcraft, World of Survival.

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## **Description :**

3 books by a writer skilled in writing and in outdoors skills, and interested in primitive techniques.

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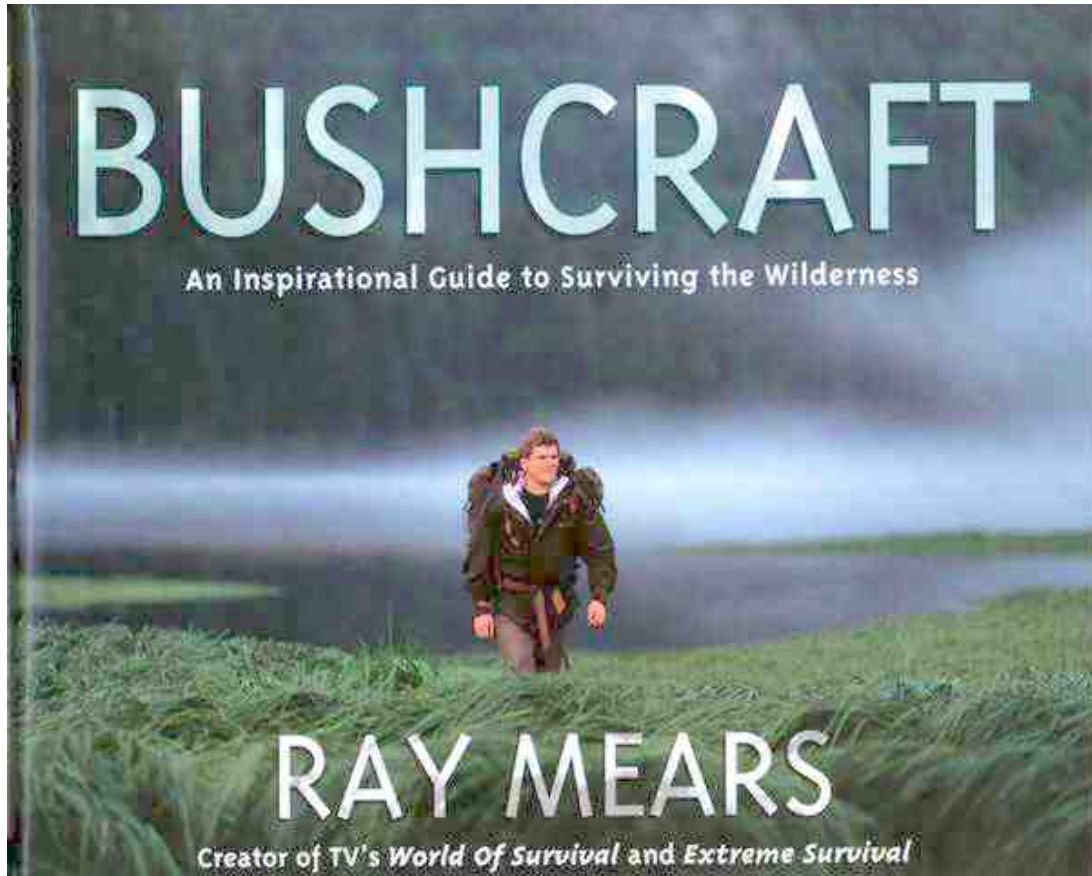
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# Bushcraft - An Inspirational Guide to Surviving the Wilderness

*Bushcraft*



**ISBN: 0-340-79258-2**

UK survival writer, Ray Mears has produced here one of the nicest survival books to read in the past few years. Lost of pictures, poetry, respect of the environment, even if it does not cover all aspects of survival in a strict sense, it does cover the title "bushcraft" well.

The pictures are superb, taken from the authors travels to different ethnies and places around the world. Mears is full of common sense, and provides good advices, the pictures often talk for a thousand words.

Mears is not a military survivalist, but a lover of nature, and it shows in the book. Refreshing ! The book is a large format, and hard cover, you will not carry it in the field, but it is well worth reading

Index extract:

1. Introduction
2. Outfit

3. Cutting tools
4. Water
5. Fire
6. Shelter
7. Cordage
8. Hitting the trail
9. Living from the land

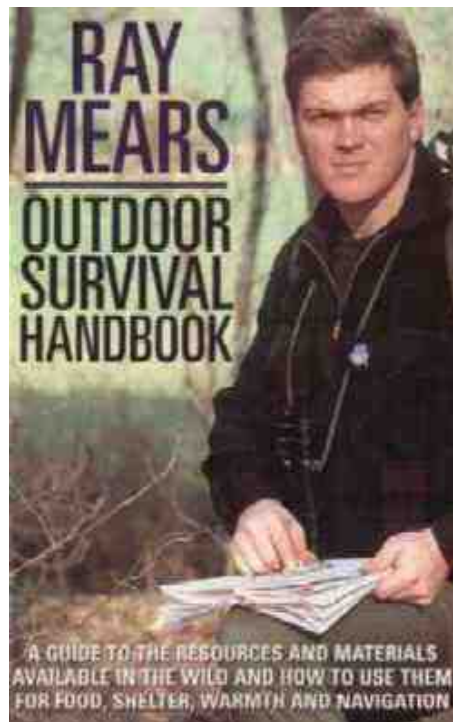
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**In summary :** Though it does not cover everything like a Lofty Wiseman book ( [SAS Survival Guide / Handbook](#) ), it is well worth having and reading, because of the dimensions other books do not have. This is not only a manual about survival, this is a book about living in the great wilderness.

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## Outdoor Survival Handbook: The Classic Indispensable Guide to Surviving the Outdoors

*Outdoor survival handbook*



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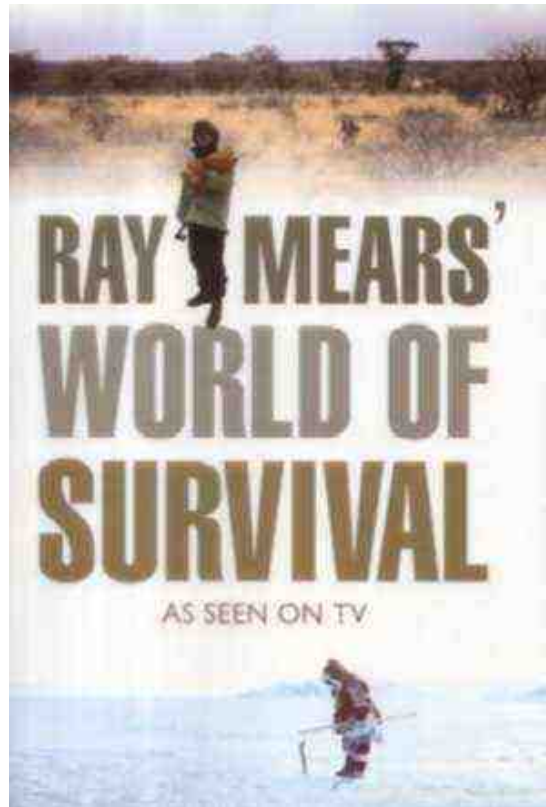
This is truly a good book, no pictures but drawings, simple but efficient style. Quite in the style of Kochanski's [Bush Craft: Outdoor Skills and Wilderness Survival](#), but targeted to wilderness conditions encountered in the UK (which

makes it right for a big part of Europe). The book is divided in seasons, and covers specific topics for each season, which is good, as obviously summer resources are not winter resources, and a lot of books just do not acknowledge this.

My preferred book of the three that are detailed here, and certainly the most complete and useful in terms of content.

## Ray Mears' World of Survival

*World of Survival*



**ISBN: 000716369X**

This is sort of a copy of the first one, with 10 % additional information. I was quite deceived in reading it (if you can call this reading as it is mostly pictures). This book is rather an addendum to the BBC TV series from Mears, an appetizer, rather versed in primitive or traditional ways. Probably good if it is the only one you get, quite deceiving if you already have a few books on the subject.

## Conclusion

I'd rather own *Bushcraft* than *World of Survival*, as it is more complete, and the *Outdoor Survival Handbook* if I wanted the most complete from the author.

*Post-scriptum :More about Ray Mears at .*