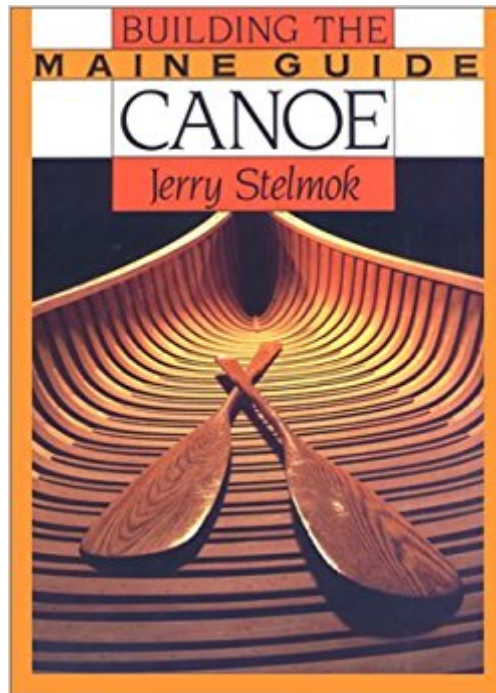




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Building The Maine Guide Canoe



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"Building the Maine Guide Canoe is a unique and invaluable compendium."--Jay Sperling, Canoe magazine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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God bless Jerry Stelmok. His book covers the nearly lost art of building the white cedar Maine guide canoe and it is a welcome addition to the archives of American craftsmanship. If you've ever seen a

form sitting inverted in a workshop and then looked at a finished canoe propped up on sawhorses in the front yard you've wondered how the former came from the latter. The men who make these boats are called for their craftsmanship, not their articulateness and even the best often have difficulty explaining just how the process works. I once asked Fred Reckards how he got his canoes off the Templeton mold since the tumblehome held the form in such a death grip. He said, "Lot easier with the twenty. The twelve is pretty tight. Maybelle helps me get them off." And that's all the explanation I got. Jerry Stelmok puts the complex construction process into words and conveys the prep, the fabrication, and the finishing in an articulate and accessible language. The photographs belong in the Smithsonian; they are vital to understanding the process. I'm going to carry my copy around until I cross paths with Mr. Stelmok and I look forward to shaking his hand and getting his signature on the title page.

Ask someone who has built many canoes for advice and you might get advice this clear! The cartoons are great as well. Good info on poling upstream. I have broken light paddles doing what should be done with a pole.

Great Book for those who love the classic wooden canoes. But what you may not realize is the fact that Jerry Stelmok is really Mr. Old Town himself! Yes, i know what i speak about as he is the man that builds all the wooden Old Town canoes today in his shop! As a new member of WCHA, i have learned that Jerry is also a recognized leader of that fine organization called The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association. You can't go wrong but remember your paddle!

Good

Book arrived in good condition. A complete technical book with lots of photographs. Glad to have the information to restore my historic wood and canvas canoe.

The book is very thorough in procedures for building a wood/canvas canoe. The author explains in detail the process from start to finish and has very detailed photos depicting his process. Unless you have previously studied boat building, you may have a hard time understanding the plans included at the end of the book. The drawings are complicated and require a bit of forehand knowledge. Fantastic book for anyone interested in building their own canoe.

I read the book because I wanted to know how wood and canvas canoes are made. This was the book recommended by a friend that has four wood and canvas canoes. I found it to be a straight forward book on how to make a canoe starting from selecting the wood, to stretching on the canvas. Every step was explained as if your father was teaching you the family business.

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