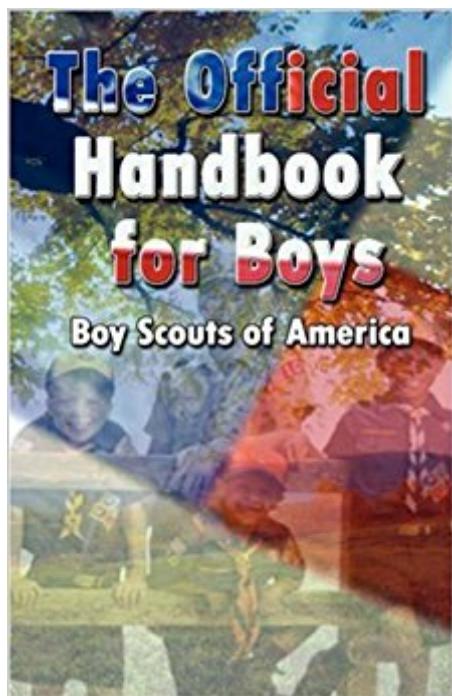


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# The Official Handbook For Boys (Boy Scouts Of America)



## **Synopsis**

This book is the basic foundation of the largest youth organisation in the history of the world . It was designed to be read by young people and to motivate them to develop all of their skills. It continues to be a major force in motivating young people to prepare to be active citizens in society. However it also contains simple truths for adults on the nature of young people and how best to help them learn and to achieve their full potential. It is required reading for adults educating or working with young people.

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"Scouting for Boys was written in the spirit of Peter Pan and Kipling's Kim; the games and plays and campfire stories are full of good ideas and good fun. The chapters on tracking, woodcraft, camp life and chivalry are full of simple (sometimes lifesaving) bits of practical information and exercises that teach children how to be observant, courteous and innovative."--Los Angeles Times"Reissued for the first time...the original Scouting for Boys includes plenty of quaint language and chuckle-worthy advice. But for all its anachronisms, Baden-Powell's blueprint for what became a worldwide movement remains strangely resonant with our own times."--U.S. News and World Report"Baden Powell had charm and courage, and a knack with the young, and he could draw excellent freehand illustrations. All these qualities are evident in this best-selling manual of 1908, now cleverly reissued by Oxford University Press. It's one of the very few books of the twentieth century that actually led to the formation of a worldwide movement."--Christopher Hitchens, The Atlantic Monthly"A fine and intriguing vision of threatened Anglo-American masculinity at the crisis and crest of empire. It's also

a hoot."--Chicago Tribune"A flash-frozen, perfectly preserved moment in time, effectively conveying the sense and character of the Edwardian era, rendered not only readable, but delivering a surprisingly pleasant kick through Baden-Powell's vivid, gee-whiz prose."--San Diego Union Tribune"Edited, annotated and introduced by Elleke Boehmer, professor of colonial and post-colonial literature at Nottingham Trent University in England, this fascinating volume tells us a lot about Baden-Powell, his movement and even to some extent the particular point in time when scouting was born."--Washington Times"The overall impression left by Scouting for Boys is, as it was intended to be, bracing. Through this book, untold millions of boys have been led to healthy and harmless fun, acquiring some solid moral and practical instruction along the way. It is easy to smile now at the book's author, at his enthusiasm for pastimes like pig-sticking and skirt-dancing, his snobbery and imperialism, his determined repression of his own sexuality, whatever it was. It is not so easy to discount his achievement. Baden-Powell was nominated for the 1939 Nobel Peace Prize. The matter fell through because of the war; but looking through the list of subsequent recipients of that award, I doubt there is even one who did as much good in the world as the author of Scouting for Boys."--New York Sun"This new edition is a delight for fathers who once were or now have Boy Scouts, and a remarkable look into the mind of an unusual man and the culture that influenced him.... Baden-Powell's call for both boys (and girls) to be their best and 'do a good turn daily' remains compelling, and the stories, games, and skills he writes about are as stirring to the boyish soul as they were a century ago."--Book Page --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Elleke Boehmer is Professor of Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature at Nottingham Trent University. She is the author of many books and articles on postcolonial writing and theory. She has also written short stories and three novels, most recently *Bloodlines*. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

The B-P text aside (as expected, no further comment), the intro, notes, &c. by the author made this THE best edition to buy. As an old scout myself, I was somewhat doubtful of an analysis by a female, but whoever gave her the task was as much a genius as she is. South African Dutch, female, post-colonial Oxford expert.... touches all the bases one hadn't thought existed. Erudite, bottom line. Bought a cheap used copy to read, but will be buying a collector's-grade for posterity. Fave quote: "Dispatch running practice is carried out using disguises, except, self-evidently, 'dressing up as a woman'."

This is the original Scout Handbook. Scouting was started in England by Robert Baden-Powell. If you love Scouting this is the real deal ,the original guide for Scouting. Read this and get an idea of what scouting's founder had in mind. I have been involved in Scouting off and on(more on than off) since 1974 and this provided me with a glimpse inside the world Baden -Powell lived in and what he intended for scouting. the best summary of his vision that I can come up with is from Shakespeare"We few,we happy few,we band of brothers." All Scout leaders should read this.

As a former reader of new editions of THE book for Scouting I was so pleased to put my hands in such a "relic" eager to analyze the perspective of the early 20th century. But from the beginning, the introduction by Elleke Boehmer was a cold bath, opening eyes to practical matters relative to the personality of B.P. or maybe the studied and straight actions and decisions taken by the founder in a lot of ways to start and continue the scout movement; introduction that'll be a weight through all the reading. In a positive way, though, you'll be able to see through the eyes of a defender of the British Empire in a haste to change the laziness of the youth in his time and encouraging to get up and "move the feet" using all the tools learned in camping: scouting, hiking, camping, study and respect of Nature, development of skills in handicrafts, knots, wood constructions, bonfires, etc. You'll have a clear sample of the real start and a glance of the problems with it.

I bought this with the expectation of adding it to a collection of books to pass onto each of my sons to have for their kids one day. It did not disappoint and I will be ordering a second one for my second son.

At one time, this book was second in popularity only to the bible. This is Lieutenant General Robert Baden-Powell in his own words, unfiltered by modern political correctness. As the editor correctly notes; Scouting's "...modernized handbooks gave priority to activities, skills, and awards, and minimized the overt ideological content of the original." Scouting for Boys is a must read for anyone interested in the history and traditions of the Scouting Movement, a critical read for anyone concerned about the direction the modern Scouting Movement has taken.

Great addition to my BSA books. \*\*\*\*\*

For any scout or adult leader, it's great to go back to basics and see how and why the Boy Scout

program was created and has been so successful. Baden-Powell had a plan and he knew how to get boys to want to become member. From his writings you will a level of oddity about him but it just be the fact that he is British.

For all "Real" Boy Scouts

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