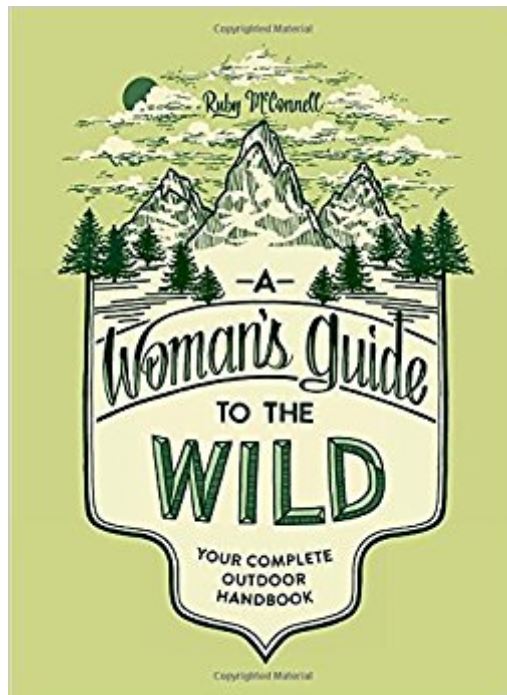




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A Woman's Guide To The Wild: Your Complete Outdoor Handbook



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For women who enjoy hiking, camping, backpacking, and other outdoor recreation or those inspired by Cheryl Strayed's *Wild*, this is the definitive guide to being a woman in the great outdoors. This friendly handbook covers the matters of most concern to women, from "feminine functions" in the wilderness to how to deal with condescending men, as well as the basics of wilderness survival tailored to women's unique needs. It includes gear lists in addition to advice for camp setup, fire building, food and water, safety, weather, and navigation.

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Just right for my daughter.

Everything a girl needs to know to survive in the wild! Great job Shioban!

This is a very good helpful book for female intending to live or holiday in the wild

I haven't finished the book quite yet, but I love the content so far! Ladies, if you want a book that relates to your adventurous side and doesn't make you feel bad for not knowing everything about the wild, this is for you! It has lots of information pertaining to the outdoors that are specifically for women's knowledge, but also the broad topic of "the wild" in general. Men, if your significant other has an adventurous spirit (or if she's just starting to become interested in the outdoors) then this would be a good, helpful book for you to give her.

When I was Ruby's editor at Lane Monthly Magazine, she could always be trusted to get timely, smartly written articles in no matter when I asked for them - two weeks before or a few hours before during a couple of emergency "please write a hiking article!!" moments. Reading *A Woman's Guide to the Wild* is such a joy because it's filled with Ruby's signature humor plus her wit and her desire to help teach other women love the wilderness as much as she does (or at least know how to make s'mores, not to mention not peeing on themselves in those middle of the night out of the tent moments). *A Woman's Guide to the Wild* is practical, yes, but it's also beautifully written and illustrated, and for people who either grew up without camping or, like me, left it in the Girl Scout years for a while, it's deeply helpful in reconnecting to our beautiful wilderness areas. And let me tell you, if you need lists? This is the book for you. Ruby gives guidelines for what to bring, for how to navigate, for how to stay safe, for first aid kits, for dealing with weather and so much more. Then there are the fantastic recipes that look equally good for my home kitchen - pesto pasta, kebabs, home-fried potatoes, barbecued tempeh wraps and so much more - as for my campfire, or, more likely, cookstove. Best of all is Ruby's attitude. If she's charming, and calming in times of stress, in person (and she is!), she's even more so in the book. Worried about what to wear, how to pack, how to deal with blisters, how to locate yourself? Not to worry: Ruby has it covered. It was fun to be her editor, but hoo boy is it great fun to read this book, which is light and an excellent size for packing at the top of every backpack. Nice work, Ruby!

A useful, easy read about practical ways to enjoy being in the wilderness that addresses concerns

and issues women might have. The allusion to a Scouting handbook begin with the cover and extends throughout the text. There are lists with boxes to check of supplies and tasks for everything from safety to bedrolls to camp comfort. McConnell clearly knows and respects the Great Outdoors: how to read clouds, use a compass, understand a topographical map, measure the distance of lightening. She includes tips from wilderness professionals as well as her favorite locations for hiking and camping. My applause goes for a comprehensive treatment as well as the charming epigraphs beginning each chapter--especially the passage from Thoreau! But what really makes the text even more compelling are the diminutive and charming illustrations from Teresa Grassesschi. From the cover with its subtle humor to the prevailing pine cones and sporks to the various evergreen branches (accurate renditions) and the detailed work on using maps, each illustration enhances and supplements the text--the reader knows exactly what is meant.

But take this book. I have just taken up backpacking again after a 10 year hiatus due to small kids. I picked up this book at a friend's recommendation. It's an amazing resource for beginners and veterans.

The only thing I didn't appreciate about this book is the mentions of "so you want to learn how to camp because your boyfriend knows how to camp". Like can I want to camp because it just sounds super fun? Otherwise pretty good info in here, and I really appreciate coverage of important outdoor lady issues, like periods and thigh chafing. It's a pretty real approach with practical problem solving to make seemingly big problems seem manageable enough that they won't keep you out of the great outdoors. This book is perfect if you currently have no idea what you're doing, I recommend it!

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