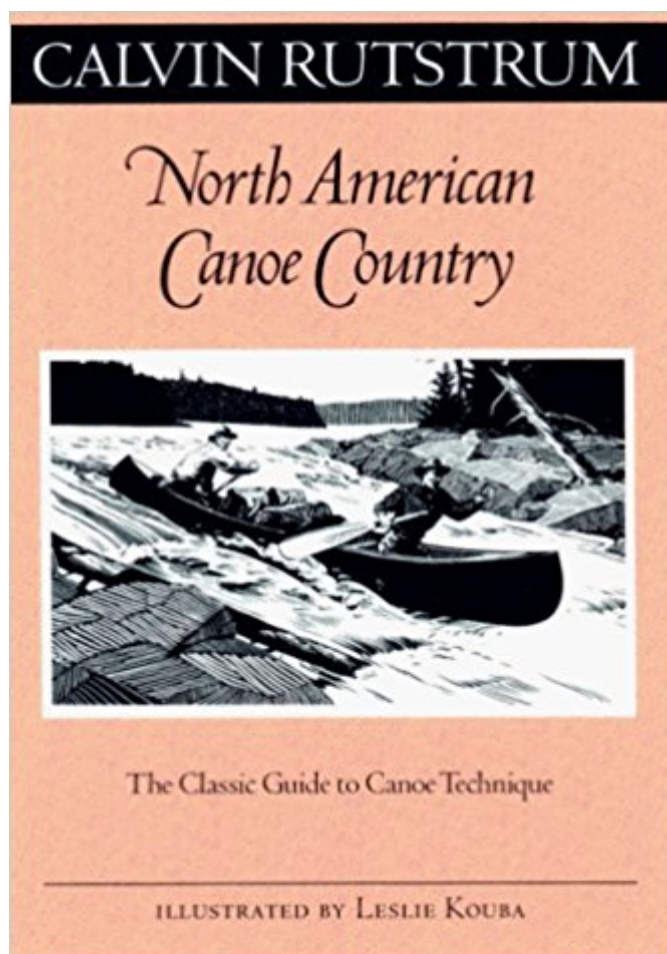


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North American Canoe Country: The Classic Guide To Canoe Technique



Synopsis

Calvin Rutstrum's fans have long known about his nuts-and-bolts approach to wilderness living. With this reissue of *North American Canoe Country*, a new generation of readers has the chance to learn time-tested secrets of a safe canoe adventure from a master outdoorsman. First published in 1964, *North American Canoe Country* is a complete treatise on the art of canoeing. Written as a guide for travelers who wanted to embark on self-sufficient trips deep into the wilderness, this book offers readers all the information they need to plan and undertake a canoe trip. Rutstrum gives the essentials on canoes, comparing birch-bark, wood, wood-and-canvas, and aluminum crafts. His paddling procedures are timeless -- he describes strategies for rough waters, rapids, for boating alone or in tandem, including diagrams of strokes. Portaging, safety procedures, direction finding, towing, and much more are systematically approached and explained. Rutstrum also writes about some of the epic canoe journeys of the twentieth century. This book will be of interest to both armchair adventurers curious about life in the great American wilderness and to those who want ideas on how to return to a less complicated way of enjoying the great outdoors.

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Anyone into canoeing will enjoy this book. Although the technics and equipment have changed I still enjoyed reading this, some may find it boring or old school, you might be better off reading a newer book on canoeing if you are just starting to learn, but if you've been portaging for a while you will get

a kick out of the older technics and a better understanding of how far things have progressed in the sport. I enjoyed it, it's a quick read and it's not for a beginner trying to learn (there are newer books that apply to today's equipment) but it still has good fundamentals that are used today. Enjoy

Calvin Rutstrum was a wilderness ethics visionary, expert practitioner of wilderness living, and author covering all things outdoors in the "Old North Woods" of Minnesota and Wisconsin. In North American Canoe Country, Calvin Rutstrum provides extensive and exhaustive coverage of wilderness canoe travel, equipment, and canoeing technique, much of which has become somewhat obscure over time. Everyone will learn something from this book which will make them a better canoeist.

Calvin has a writing style that is just simply inviting and keeps me reading onward...feeling the atmosphere. He has tons of facts throughout describing everything a person could want to know about canoeing and enjoying the waterways.

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