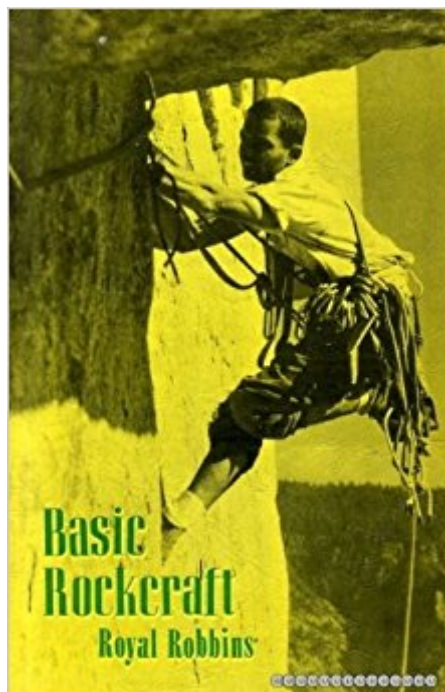


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Customer Reviews

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I got this book just after Royal Robbins died. I think if you're looking for a guidebook to follow, this probably isn't the right book for that. I got it more as a piece of rock climbing history and to remember Royal by. I think if you read it with that mindset, its a great book and so interesting to look in the mind of one of the pioneers of American climbing. I read it in about an hour and am so glad to have it in my collection of books.

This is THE book on real rock climbing Royal Robbins is the guy you want to learn from. I read it first in the mid 70s and bought another copy to give to a young friend. Its far better than any modern book on the topic. This book needs to be in print again.

I bought this book for a daughter who is starting to take a regular interest in rock climbing with a boy

friend, mostly indoors gyms at this point. When I did some small amount of simple rock climbing in the early 1970s, Basic Rockcraft, Advanced Rockcraft, both by Royal Robbins, Ropes Knots and Slings for Climbers (Walt Wheelock), and Mountaineering - Freedom of the Hills (The Mountaineers) were the texts I used to learn about the subject and some of the basic techniques. All are superb books for getting started. I'm glad that all of these are still available, new or used from or eBay, inexpensive when used, the shipping cost can be higher than the cost some of the books. Basic Rockcraft is a bit dated in a few sections like the use of body belays and improvised seat and chest harnesses made with webbing. These days I suspect everyone uses commercially purchased harnesses and mechanical belay devices that are probably safer, as they are more forgiving of use techniques. However, I think the rock climbing philosophy, belay procedures/protocols, and climbing techniques that Royal Robbins preached are timeless. Highly recommended.

This is an old book, but it's a good book. Although technology has changed, many of the basic climbing techniques, and especially the mental aspect, have not changed from "back in the day." This book, and Advanced Rockcraft by Royal Robbins, should be in every trad climber's library. It's a good one to have around camp, too.

I had this book when I started climbing in the '70s. With all the moves since then, I had lost my copy, so just bought it again. What a classic! Worthwhile to get another copy.

Pretty awesome read.

I like the way this book is written and I enjoy the illustrations/photos. Unfortunately, the information is pretty dated (as you expect from such an old book). If you are looking for practical information to reference as you develop your skills you might want to look for something newer.

When I started rockclimbing 15 years ago, this was the first book I bought. Royal Robbins, et al, were the original hardmen of Yosemite Valley. Robbins' book was well written, and very instructive. Every climber that has aspired to more than the experience offered by comfortable climbing gyms, will want to peruse this book. If anyone has ever aspired to bat-hooking an A5 traverse 1,500' off the deck, you'll definitely want the knowledge that this book offers. My first copy was worn out years ago. Thanks Royal, for sharing your love of the greatest sport on earth!

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