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Modern living isn't easy. It often seems to require some know-how our parents didn't pass on, or a special tool. Happily, Kaufmann Mercantile has both, and in this comprehensive field guide, they share their expertise on a huge range of topics, from frying an egg, tying a tie, or brewing coffee to things the inner utilitarian in all of us aspires to do, like splitting wood, building a fire, growing our own food, or making our own soap. Fifty how-tos are organized into five sections: Kitchen, Outdoors, Home, Garden, and Grooming. Written in clear detail and extensively illustrated, *The Kaufmann Mercantile Guide* teaches us what we ought to know how to do, as well as what we'd like to. Supplemental sidebars feature the best tool for the job, whether a dibber for planting, the best rawhide-and-ash snowshoes, or flammable smoking bags for making authentic BBQ. This book is a must-have reference tool for living well in the twenty-first century.

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### Hemhek Song says

A fun quick read.

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### Anne says

Advertising products sold on the Kaufmann Mercantile website amidst very basic skill sets, most of which I knew or don't have any use for. I don't like oysters so don't need to know how to shuck them.

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### Lisa Filipczak says

There are some valuable life tips in the book such as how to ford a stream, sharpen and care for knives, navigate via the stars, make eggs, etc. It's a fun, quick read

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### \* Jennifer says

This book was exactly what I was hoping for: Short, 1-2 pages explaining how to do a variety of tasks around the home.

Wordy review: <http://jenn.booklikes.com/post/126594...>

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### Kade says

Mostly bought this for my son when he gets a bit older. Pretty good introduction to some simple skills, although in some cases they "cheated" like in soapmaking, where they did not tell you how to make soap, but only how to melt glycerin and add essential oils to it. All in all, a decent introduction, although I think that most of the skills mentioned my son will learn from doing rather than from reading.

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### Jayrchase says

An urbane version of the old foxfire books... some tips you will know, some you will never, ever need, and a handful will amaze you, make your day and justify the worth of this book many times over. Easy read and techniques are basic and easy to follow.

### **Juliann says**

A nice coffee table or easy reference book. It's well laid out, with easy to read short sections and nice illustrations. Contains useful information for each area of the home and outdoors. My favorite section was the gardening section which had a piece on seed saving I will surely use this fall. I received this book as part of a goodreads giveaway.

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### **Quinn says**

This was pretty interesting. It told how do the simplest of things that you may have been doing wrong your whole lives. All in all, I enjoyed it and it taught me how to do some pretty cool things.

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### **Virginia says**

Quick easy read with full of simple tasks instructions but really just google it,

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