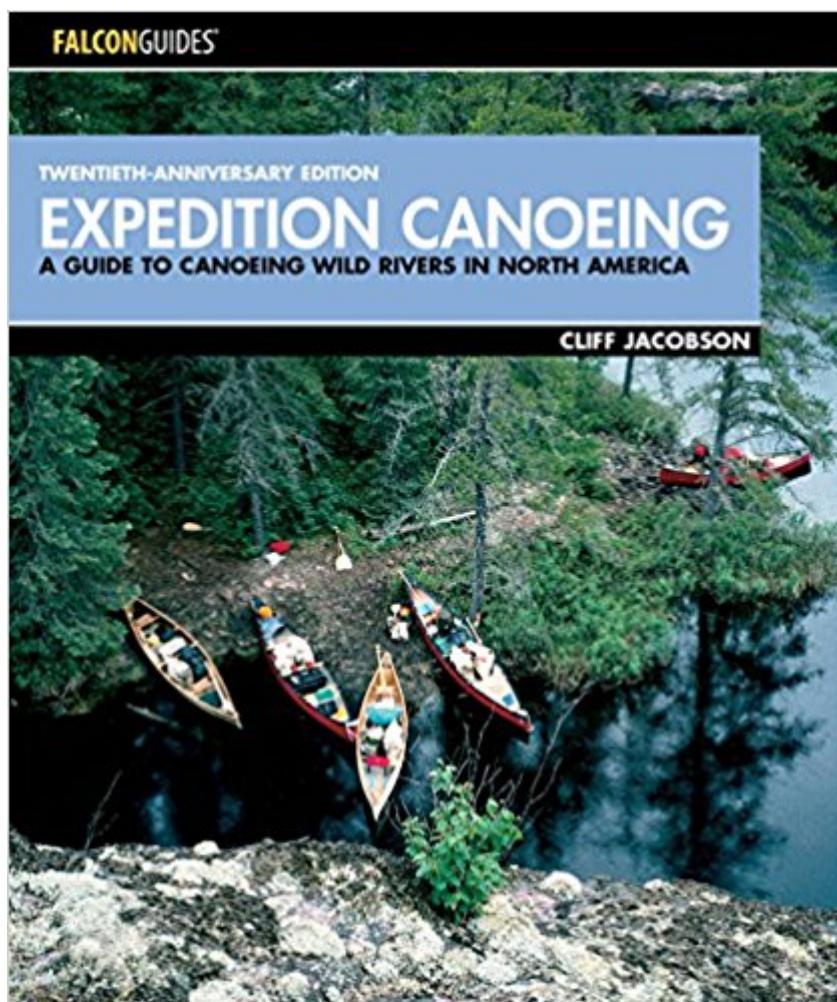


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Expedition Canoeing, 20th Anniversary Edition: A Guide To Canoeing Wild Rivers In North America (How To Paddle Series)



Synopsis

Expedition Canoeing is the premier guide to canoeing and exploring North America's wilderness rivers. This updated 20th anniversary edition covers route and trip planning, paddling and camping gear, dealing with bears, canoe hazards and rescue, barren-land travel, and much more.

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Expedition Canoeing has long been considered the premier guide to canoeing and exploring North America's waterways. This twentieth-anniversary edition expertly details everything you need to know about paddling the continent's wild rivers. Outdoors writer and wilderness canoe guide Cliff Jacobson draws on his thirty-plus years of river running to give you sound advice, fresh new ideas, and advanced techniques for canoeing in the wilderness. Inside you'll find dozens of black-and-white and color photos, how-to illustrations, source charts, canoeing and camping tricks, and a chapter full of hard-won advice from more than twenty-five of Jacobson's fellow canoeing experts. Preparation and skills are everything when expedition canoeing. Take along this guide on all of your canoeing adventures.

Cliff Jacobson is one of North America's most respected outdoors writers and wilderness canoe guides. He is an outdoors skills instructor and a professional outfitter and guide, a canoeing and camping consultant, and the author of more than a dozen top-selling books on canoeing and

camping. Cliff recently retired from teaching middle school environmental science and now splits his time between canoeing and camping, and sharing his love for the sport by writing and teaching about it. In 2003 the American Canoe Association presented Cliff with the Legends of Paddling Award and inducted him into the ACA Hall of Fame.

Cliff Jacobson has likely spent more time camping in North America's wilderness than anyone else. The wild rivers and quiet lakes of the boreal forest and tundra are his roads into the last great wilderness. Every time Cliff has returned from a trip he has not only brought back experiences and memories, but also a list of skills and tools that have met the test of the wild or failed it. Since Cliff first shared what he had learned in his 1984 original guide "Canoeing Wild Rivers", his advice on skills and gear has embraced new ideas and technology, stuck with the tried and true, and ignored the fads. Canoeing is the only way to effectively travel in the Big North, where there are no trails, but for the same reason this is less a guide on canoeing but on the art of living in the wild. It is full of wisdom that often only those who learned it the hard way will ever fully appreciate. This book is the distillation of decades of experience of a perfectionist.

I purchased this book in 2008 and am a mediocre canoeist, but have valued this book and its contents very highly. Many tips and techniques can be used on the hiking trails and campsites. Many tips and ideas also come from very respected individuals in the canoeing circles shared by Cliff. I continually referred to this book on a monthly basis. A GREAT buy.

Some of the info in this book is dated, as newer and better gear is coming around all the time. I feel if you followed his advice to the T, you would be missing out on some great new stuff. You would be going a bit of "old school", perhaps. But I do recommend the book, nonetheless.

Anyone planning a canoe trip of a few days or a few weeks will benefit from studying the advice given in this book. As a person who has spent some time in the wilderness I appreciate Jacobson's careful treatment of the subject: he offers solid, tested techniques and then points out the many ways things could go wrong. He uses stories from his considerable experience to illustrate how important it is to plan carefully, not to compound mistakes and thereby opens up the possibilities of canoeing in some incredibly wonderful places. There is a section devoted to accounts of expeditions by different authors that serve to inspire and inform planning. A very engaging and thorough book, the premier one on the subject.

This is a good book to put on the back of the toilet and browse through. I suggest it to a friend, especially if that friend had no experience in the outdoors.

If you are going canoe trekking this is the book

This book was interesting to read and very informative. Do be aware that it is very specific for canoeing on Arctic rivers, and is much less applicable to warmer climates.

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