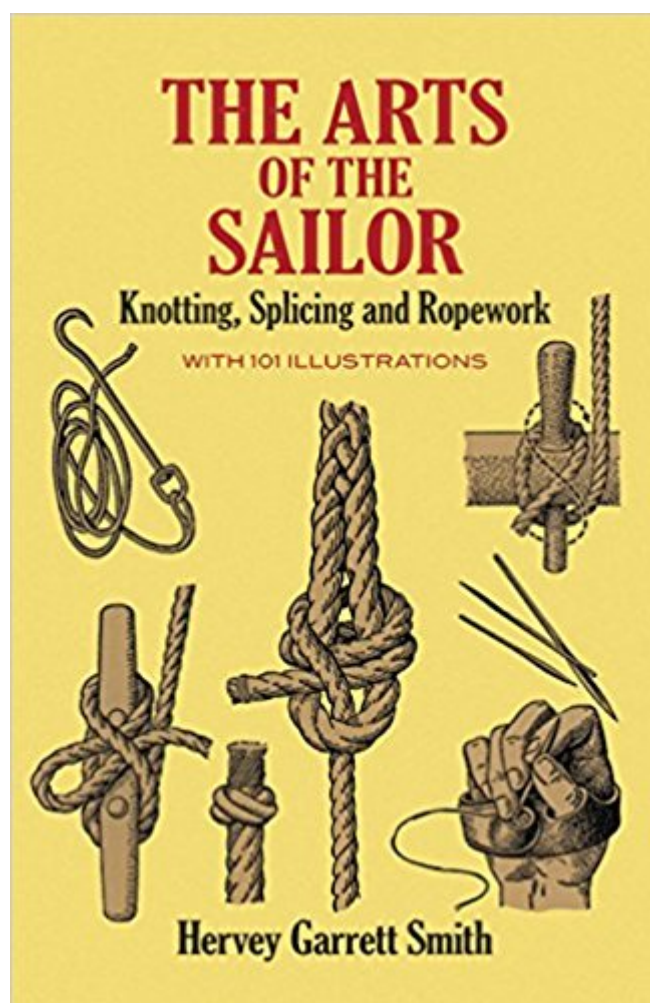


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# The Arts Of The Sailor: Knotting, Splicing And Ropework (Dover Maritime)



## Synopsis

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Nice book, has a lot of history and practical information. If you only want to know how to tie the knots look somewhere else because this guy is a total purist we are talking someone who would put serious effort into whipping the end of a rope, which lets face it most of us don't do that. Great read.

This is another excellent piece by the late Hervey Garrett Smith. It's sort of a companion to "*The Marlinspike Sailor*" (ibid), though it is somewhat more expansive on many fundamental topics like knots, bends, whippings and seizings. There is a good bit of overlap between the two books, although this one is both more comprehensive and a smaller physical book (for your small onboard library...) "*The Marlinspike Sailor*" is more project oriented - and has excellent plans and diagrams for practical onboard ropework and sewing projects - while this book is focussed on the elements that go into such projects (without the actual examples). It's very traditional - as with all of Smith's period writing - with little or no reference to modern materials, but it's a posthumous reprint, so don't expect much updating... but the style is both informative and interesting without being dry or obtuse. "*The Marlinspike Sailor*" might actually be a better starting point for a true beginner (and it does contain a short update to 'modern' braided rope in the back), but I have them both and don't regret it.

So good, I bought a copy for my nephew, who is finishing up his Eagle Scout requirements. If you're

the sort of person who appreciates traditional skills, this is worth having.

got it.

Needed some basic knot illustration and this book gave me what I wanted

if you need to know this is a nice book

Not a bad book.

Not too useful as an instructional book. Images are very small and in black & white. No step by step instructional images. Refunded it and bought Knot Know-How: How To Tie the Right Knot For Every Job (Wiley

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