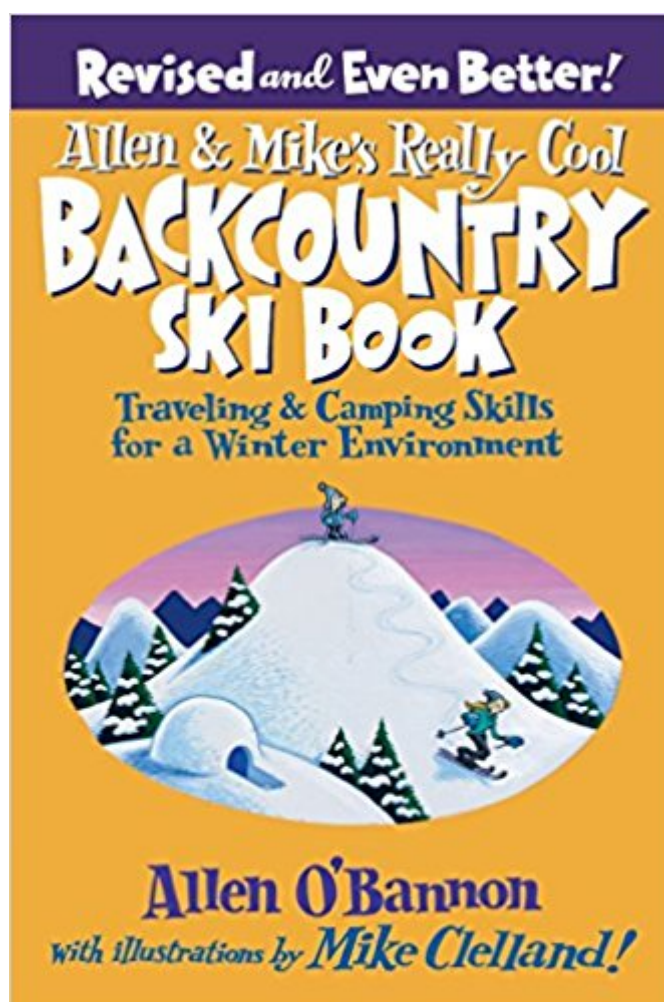


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# Allen & Mike's Really Cool Backcountry Ski Book, Revised And Even Better!: Traveling & Camping Skills For A Winter Environment (Allen & Mike's Series)





## Synopsis

Practical advice from two NOLS instructors on all aspects of backcountry skiing and winter camping. As skiers venture farther from lift-served front country, they need to understand and avoid hazards such as avalanches and extreme cold. This book teaches skiers how to choose the right equipment, build winter shelters, stay safe, and have fun while minimizing their impact on the wilderness. Hundreds of entertaining but very practical illustrations by renowned illustrator Mike Clelland. Completely revised, updated, and even better than ever!

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## Customer Reviews

Allen & Mike are back with totally updated information and first-hand advice for all aspects of backcountry skiing and winter camping. Learn how to choose the right equipment, avoid hazards such as avalanches and extreme cold, build snow shelters, and have fun while staying safe and minimizing the impact on the wilderness. These two National Outdoor Leadership School instructors offer lots of tried-and-true tricks and useful tips drawn from years of experience. The material is easy to understand and accompanied by hundreds of entertaining illustrations by renowned illustrator Mike Clelland!

Allen O'Bannon grew up in Portland, Oregon and while he dabbled a little in skiing and winter camping in the Cascades of Oregon it was really upon moving to the mountains of Wyoming and Idaho at the end of the 1980's that he began what has become a life long passion. Allen has

worked for the National Outdoor Leadership School since 1987 and spent four seasons working for the United States Antarctic Program. He prefers cold to heat and is miserable at the thought of global warming. He would love some cold weather consulting work. Mike Clelland is a NOLS instructor and illustrator who studied Mad magazine rather than go to art school. He has numerous books with his name on them, including Allen & Mike's Telemark Tips and Allen & Mike's Really Cool Backpackin' Book.

Densely packed with useful information, but accessible and easy to understand. I flip through it before all my winter backcountry trips to refresh my memory and avoid costly planning and packing errors that can be life threatening when miles from civilization in sub zero weather.

I bought this book because I wanted to get into BC skiing and have a lot of questions about the diffs of tele vs AT, use of skins etc...The book really doesnt offer much info on skiing. It does however have a lot of info on camping in winter conditions in an easy to read format with lots of pictures. So if you need info regarding camping in the snow this would probably be a good book for you, if your like me and looking for more info on types of systems when you would want one over the other etc.. you should probably pass on this book.

I wish I had this book before my first winter camping experience in Alaska. It would have made for a much more enjoyable & successful trip. In this book you will find tips on clothing & gear selection, packing appropriately, winter camping safety & planning (including building multiple styles of snow shelters), intermediate skiing techniques, backcountry ethics, and basic avalanche safety. All of these are accompanied by entertaining and informational pictures which for me are very helpful at giving the complete picture. Don't expect this book to teach you to become an expert skier, but it will help you get enough of a solid base to get started without getting yourself into a dangerous situation. I would even recommend this for the relatively seasoned winter camper, as there are several tips which you may not have picked up even if you do get out in the cold frequently. I just finished reading this book a second time and picked up a few more tips that I hope to use this winter. I would also highly recommend An Illustrated Guide to Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue if you plan to do any glacier travel.

This is a must read for anyone looking to hone their 4th season backpacking skills; as an experienced winter backcountry traveler I grabbed this title to tickle my imagination - outdoor books

help get me fired up - and I was pleasantly surprised by the number of useful strategies contained within that I immediately incorporated into my own routine. Clelland's illustrations are awesome as always (his "Ultralight Backpackin' Tips" and "Lighten Up" are 5 Star Reads as well), and don't be confused by the "backcountry ski" title: this is a fantastic resource for anyone who enjoys a challenging winter overnight by boot, snowshoe, snowboard or ski.

I read this because I wanted to learn how to survive and thrive should I ever find myself overnight in the snow. As always, the authors deliver sound advice gleaned from their experience, and make you laugh all the way through with the funny illustrations. I appreciate the absence of machismo and political soap-boxing sometimes found in wilderness books, while reminding the reader to respect nature and be responsible. What's neat about this book is the detailed instructions on how to do things. I don't ski the backcountry, but I spend a lot of time in the mountains and this book has great advice for anybody. My husband bought me these books to get me interested in backpacking, and it worked. 'Nuff said.

Excellent book. I love this whole book series. Great for all ages. I especially like that the illustrations add their own information to the book and don't just illuminate the text.

Very comprehensive and easy to read, geared toward telemark and randonee skiers interested in extended back-country tours. Whimsical and simple, but very informational. Great book!

My reason for not rating the book any higher is that I was expecting a more advanced level of instruction. This book is better suited for people who have little or no experience in the outdoors in winter. However, there are some great tips for the more experienced as well, such as building snow shelters.

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