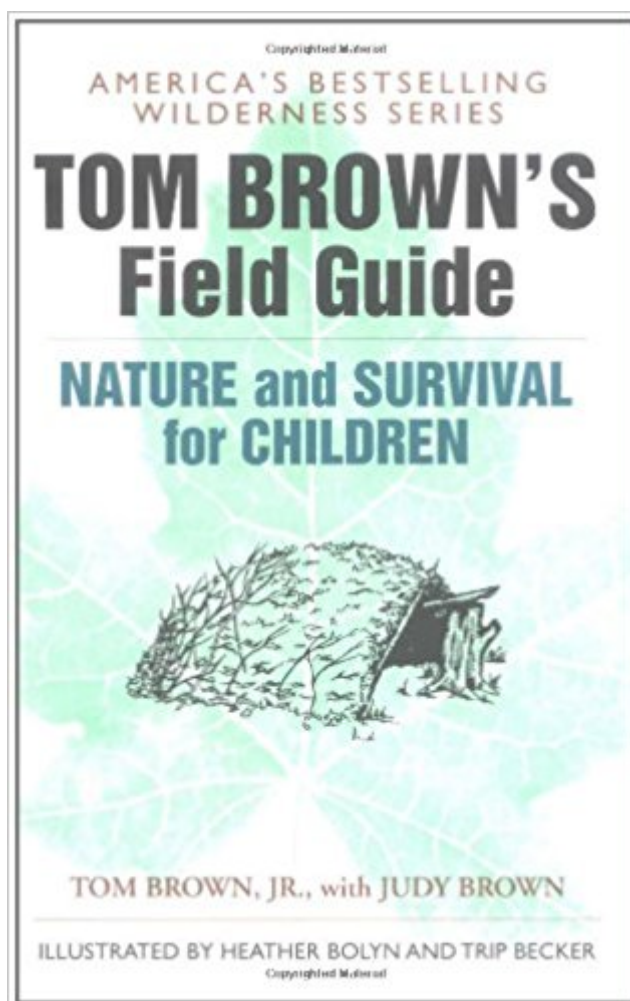


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# Tom Brown's Field Guide To Nature And Survival For Children



## Synopsis

Here is the perfect guide to exploring the wonders of nature with children--safely. Whether your outdoor experience includes day trips to local parks or long wilderness treks, Tom Brown, Jr. can help children and adults fully appreciate the boundless beauty of our most precious natural resources. The ideal handbook for teachers, parents, counselors and children, it can make every trip to a park or forest a safe and educational wilderness adventure.\* Observing and identifying animals and plants\* Lost-proofing children\* Stalking and tracking\* Finding water and food in nature\* Safety and first aid\*

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## Customer Reviews

Prolific author, operator of a popular wilderness survival school (in New Jersey's Pine Barrens), "The Tracker" Brown believes that society and school have dulled our sense of the interconnectedness in all nature. His "field guide" stresses awareness, tracking, survival, and a philosophy derived from an Apache elder, and he hopes parents will teach their children these values and skills. The first half of this seventh in a series discusses careful observing in nature; the second, aimed at children aged 4-11, presents survival skills for shelter, water, fire, and food. There are specific suggestions for games to teach these concepts, but the bulk of the text urges teachers (parents) to value the nature ethic. For public libraries, city or country.- Roland Person, Southern Illinois Univ. at Carbondale Lib.Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Tom Brown, Jr. began to learn hunting and tracking at the age of eight under the tutelage of an Apache elder, medicine man, and scout in Toms River, New Jersey, and is the author of 16 books on nature. Recently, he was the technical advisor on *The Hunted*, a major motion picture starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benecio Del Toro.    In 1978, Tom founded the Tracker School in the New Jersey Pine Barrens where he offers more than 25 classes about wilderness survival and environmental protection.

While slightly more useful than Tom Brown's *Guide to Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants*, this book still reads like fiction, rather than a clear cut, true field guide. For the most part, the reader is left wading through BS stories of his adventures and exploits in order to find anything useful. If you want to get a seven or eight year old boy, or tomboy, to read, this would be something that would likely interest them and suck them into reading. If you want to teach them to become lostproof, learn dead reckoning and other navigation methods, or emergency signaling, look elsewhere.

As I was a great proponent of Tom's philosophy, the arrival of my children made me rethink the approach to nature that I needed to teach them. this book is great to guide parents in presenting a new relation to nature to the little ones. You can start early with simple things. My 4 years old is already picking up dogs, cats and squirrels tracks!

my husband had one of these as a child. we bought one for my nephew. he loves it!

Great

Extremely well written! I never lost interest. If you enjoy the outdoors and like to camp, then you'll love this book. If you have kids and want them to enjoy the outdoors and discover what it would be like to live off of the land, then this book is for you. If you'd like to teach your kids how to survive in an emergency situation then this is a good start. I definitely recommend buying the book and keeping it as a reference guide on your coffee table.

A favorite from decades past and many of the skills and awareness exercises were useful for my Girl Scout troop.

It gives some good insights on how to get your kids more engaged with Nature, and I like the

section on LostProofing. This one stays on my bookshelf and is used a good amount over the years.

My grandson loved this book. He's only 11 but already had learned tons. Thanks

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