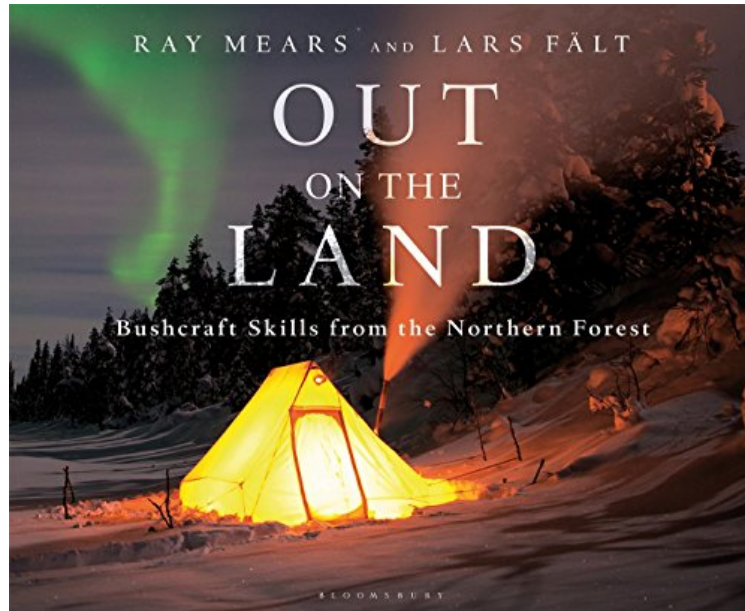


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summer and winter climates are generally applicable. First aid and emergency medical advice in the wild is 'decent' if not encyclopedic. Navigation by map and compass are clearly covered since the authors have military and training experience...plus modern ideas of GPS systems and products are addressed. Knife and axe and saw suggestions skew toward fine Finnish, Norwegian, Canadian and Swedish makers...but they are among the best choices for any of us 'Outers' who want to go into the woods today. Sufficient attention is also given to the mechanical needs/maintenance needs of snowmobiles in the wild since they are being increasingly used for winter access to outdoor living in the Far North. Canoe travelers in Minnesota's Boundary Waters, back country skiers and snowmobilers, mobile big game hunters in the North will benefit hugely from this up-to-date treatment of a 'pioneering' subject.

"Fifty years into my life journey I realise that; while I love remote wild places and the peoples I meet there, it is in forests that I find the greatest joy. Of all the forests that I have explored, it is the great circumpolar Boreal forest of the North that calls to me most. Here is a landscape where bush knowledge really counts and where experience counts even more. . . This book has been thirty years in the making." "Out on the Land is an absorbing exploration of, and tribute to, the Boreal forest of the North: its landscape, its people, their cultures and skills, the wilderness that embodies it, and its immense beauty. The book is vast in scope and covers every aspect of being in the wilderness in both winter and summer (clothing, kit, skills, cooking, survival), revealing the age-old traditions and techniques, and how to carry them out yourself. It also includes case studies of early explorers, as well as modern-day adventurers who found themselves stranded in the forest and forced to work out a way to survive. So much more than a bushcraft manual, this book goes deeper, to the traditions and cultures that gave us these skills, as well as focusing on the detail itself. Ray and Lars's practical advice is wound around a deep love for the forest, respect and admiration for the people who live there and sheer enjoyment of the stunning scenery.

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About the Author Ray Mears is recognized worldwide as an authority on bushcraft and survival. He has also become a household name through his TV series including Tracks, World of Survival, and The Real Heroes of Telemark. Lars Flt is the founder of the Swedish Army Survival School, lectures on survival worldwide, and has written 10 books on wilderness living skills. Ray and Lars have worked together for more than twenty years teaching survival in Arctic Lapland some 200km north of the Arctic Circle.