

SURVIVAL BOOK LIST

Note: These books are not a required reading list and the SERE Specialist career field and Air Force does not endorse a particular author or book. If interested, start by visiting your library to find these books. Many can also be purchased in an electronic or hardcopy version.

A. GENERAL

1. **Be an Expert with Map & Compass, *The Orienting Handbook***
by Bjorn Kjellstrom. Joline Press, Any Edition.
2. **Map Reading and Land Navigation**, FM 21-26 (1987), FM 3-25.26, (2011)
by Headquarters Department of the Army.
3. **The Basic Essentials of Map & Compass**
by Cliff Jacobson. ICS Books, Inc., 2007.
4. **A Comprehensive Guide to Land Navigation on GPS**
by Noel J. Hotchkiss. Alexis Pub; 3rd edition, 1999
5. **GPS Made Easy**
by Lawrence Letham. The Mountaineers Books, 2008.
6. **AF Regulation 64-4, Vol 1, *Search and Rescue Survival***
by Department of the Air Force, 1985.
7. **The SAS Survival Handbook**
by John Wiseman. William Morrow Paperbacks, 2009.
8. **Staying alive in the Arctic, *A Cold weather Survival Manual***
By Frank Heyl. American Petroleum Institute. 1976.
9. **How to stay Alive in the Woods**
by Bradford Angier. Collier-Macmillan LTD, Any Edition
10. **Fieldbook, Boy Scouts of America**
by Any Edition. *Older versions discuss more primitive skills.*
11. **Tom Brown's Field Guides:**
 - a. Wilderness Survival
 - b. Nature & Survival for Children
 - c. Nature Observation & Tracking by Tom Brown. Berkley Publishing Group
 - d. Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants
12. **High Angle Rescue Techniques, *A Student guide for Rope Rescue Classes***
by Tom Vines and Steve Hudson, Mosby-Year Book, Inc. 1992.
13. **River Rescue**

by Les Bechdel and Slim Ray. Globe Pequot Press.

B. **FLORA & FAUNA**

1. **Field Guide to Medicinal Plants**
by Bradford Angler. Stackpole Books, 1978.
2. **Best-Tasting Wild Plants of Colorado and the Rockies**
by Bob Seebeck. Westcliffe Publishers, Inc., 1998.
3. **Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Rocky Mountains and Neighboring Territories**
by Terry Willard Ph.D. Wild Rose College of Natural Healing, Ltd., 1992.
4. **Plants of the Southern Interior, British Columbia**
by Ray Coupe, Roberta Parish, Dennis Lloyd. Lone Pine Publishing, 1996.
5. **Deer from Field to Freezer**
by John & Geri McPherson. Ag Press, 1995
6. **Step-by-Step, Brain Tanning the Sioux Way**
by Larry Belitz. Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, 1995.
7. **Complete Guide to Game Animals**
by Leonard Lee Rue III. Grolier Book Clubs, Inc. 1981.
8. **Catching More Freshwater Fish**
by Barney Rowe. Wellspring, 1993.
9. **Tom Brown's Field Guides, Wild edible & medicinal Plants:**
by Tom Brown. Berkley Publishing Group, 1983.

C. **MEDICINE**

1. **Medicine for Mountaineering & Other Wilderness Activities**
by James A. Wilkerson, MD. The Mountaineers, 1992.
2. **Wilderness Medicine, Management of Wilderness and Environmental Emergencies**
by Paul S. Auerbach, MD, MS, FACEP. Mosby-Year Book, Inc. 1995.
3. **Hypothermia, Frostbite and other Cold Injuries**
by James A. Wilkerson, MD. The Mountaineers, 1986.
4. **The Outward Bound, Wilderness First-Aid Handbook**
by Jeffrey Isaac, PA-C. Lyons Press, 1998.
5. **Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured**

by American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. 7th Edition, 1999.