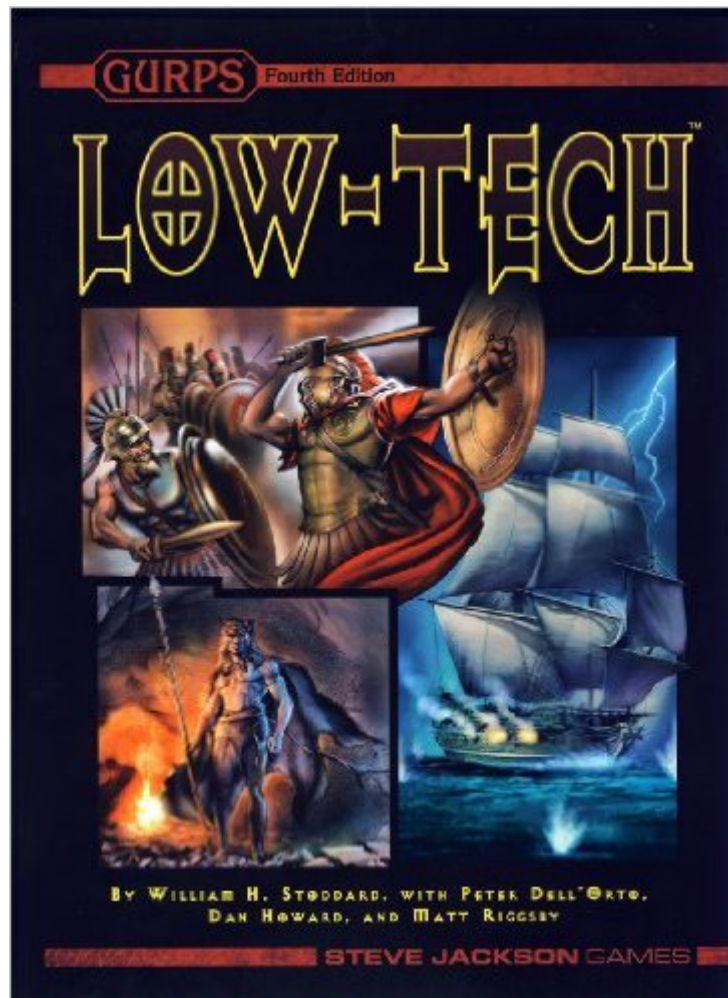


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Synopsis

GURPS Low-Tech covers the basic tools used by historical adventurers from the Stone Age to the Age of Sail; and still used by modern survivalists and post-apocalypse survivors when the high-tech toys fail. Weapons and armor from antlers and rawhide to warhammers and heavy mail; adventure and travel gear from simple stone kives to early submarines; everyday items and tools of every trade. Low Tech starts with the basics that suit any setting... and adds lots of culturally specialized inventions to support your campaign's particular flavor. For game masters, the discussions of past technologies - based on up-to-date historical and archaeological research- will be valuable no matter what system is used. For GURPS players, this book also covers the skills and traits that let adventurers make the best use of their equipment. Whether the heroes are cavemen taking their first steps toward civilization, pirates on the Seven Seas, or anything in between, GURPS Low-Tech has the technology they need!

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Customer Reviews

When I first saw this book I thought, oh great, I need this book like I need a hole in my head. Well I must admit it is better than that. However I got it and it's quite amazing. The book has information on everything that you could ever want for TLs 0-4 and great ways to fit them into almost any campaign. The production quality is very high - excellent illustrations and the page layout makes reading the text easy. The index is well layed out and easy to use. The price is only 3 dollars more than the 144 pages paperback sold in 2004. This book "completes" the 4e hardbound book collection - 18 releases that make a great RPG that complete and ready to play. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who wants a good book on TL 0-4 equipment for whatever reason,

it has everything you need in great detail.

Like the previous reviewer, I couldn't imagine why I would want Low-Tech. Wasn't the material provided in the Basic Set, Fantasy, and Banestorm sufficient? I'd run games for years in low tech settings without needing the book, so why did I need it now? Now, after finally getting Low-Tech, I can't imagine running a medieval game without it. It turns out the medieval weapons in the Basic Set are, well, really basic. There's tons of interesting weapons and gizmos that you never knew existed with sufficient background to give the player and GM context about when they'd be appropriate. What is Banded armor and who used it and why? What is the effective difference between a Katana and a Broadsword? What were the early types of gunpowder weapons like? All of these questions and more will be quickly answered if you buy this book. But wait, there's more!! This book would have been double its current size if Steve Jackson Games hadn't made a marketing decision to keep this book skinny. Instead they put their very useful and very detailed information about Kingdoms and Philosophers, Weapons and Fighting, and Common Life in three separate PDF available for download on their website. I've bought the first and the third supplements and can attest that they are REALLY good. Now go out and buy this book and GURPS Horror and make Evil Stevie and his merry bunch of game-writers happy so they'll write more good stuff!

The book as written is a very good resource for low tech (stone age through the age of sail) settings and technology levels. I have two criticisms of this book (which are actually praise for other GURPS products). It doesn't meet the heights of excellence that high-tech did, though that book would be a hard act for any supplement to follow. Upon realizing that this book is about a hundred pages shorter than High-Tech, I was disappointed that the wonderful material from Low-Tech Companion 1-3 was not integrated into the main volume. What I'm really saying is: Buy this book, buy the companions, and buy High Tech.

Low-Tech is a fantastic supplement for GURPS. This book brings all low-tech equipment, with incredible detail. What greatly facilitates the players and the GM, because it facilitates the workings view these historical items. The great advantage of the GURPS system are your extra books, which complete the game

This book is absolutely critical if running an early historical period or any kind of fantasy campaign.

As all books in the "Tech" series, this one is pretty complete, and expands on the Basic books. Folks using Dungeon Fantasy may find a few rough spots, but only because this volume was written after that. It still all does work together very well.

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