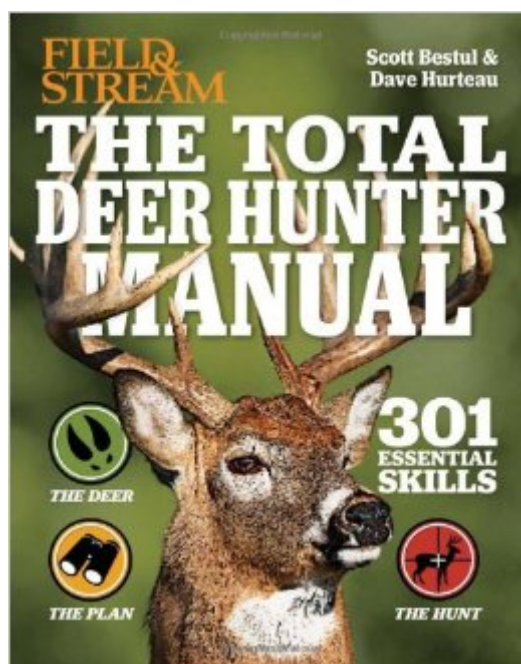


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# The Total Deer Hunter Manual (Field & Stream): 301 Hunting Skills You Need



## Synopsis

From Field & Stream magazine's deer-hunting experts, the authors of the Whitetail 365 blog on fieldandstream.com demystify everything the modern hunter needs to know. For bow-hunters, traditional rifle-shooters, shotgun and muzzleloader hunters, and more, this is the one book you need to get the buck of your dreams. Whether you spend all year plotting and preparing for your ultimate whitetail season, or just enjoy a few hunting trips a year with your buddies, this is the book you need. Hundreds of field-tested tips from Field & Stream's deer-hunting experts cover tips and tricks from America's best hunting guides and their own decades of experience, including:

**SHOOT BETTER** With detailed exercises and advice for bow-hunters as well as rifle and shotgun users, this book takes you out on the range and into the woods, with what you need to bring home a trophy buck instead of a lame excuse.

**PLAN ALL YEAR** What do you do when deer season ends? Stow your gear, mount your trophies, and start planning for next year. Here's how to plot your hunting grounds, plant the food deer love, and upgrade your equipment.

**TRACK LIKE A PRO** Where do deer live? What do they eat? How do they behave during the all-important rut season? You may think you know the answers to these questions, but the latest research and unusual historical wisdom will surprise you—and make you a better hunter.

Selected chapters include: -Get a Grip on Deer Senses -Track the Rut -Break Down Your Deer Season -Be a Mountain Man -Learn 5 Lockdown Secrets -Field Dress a Buck in Minutes -Analyze Whitetail Anatomy

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## Customer Reviews

In my opinion this is a great book. I shot my first doe and buck at age 12 and 13. 15 years passed with very little deer hunting on my part. I decided to take up deer hunting again. I bought the book a few months before the 2014 season. Within 20 minutes of reading I had learned more than I ever knew before. The book is organized into a few main parts, then further broken down into short paragraphs about each one of the tips or "skills". This makes for a very easy read and fit my reading style. In other words, it is easy to pick up for a few minutes at a time. In fact, my 3 year old daughter likes this book as much as I do. Most night's she would say, "Let's read the Deer Book." After reading this book I was able to better prepare for the season. I scouted, planted a food plot, made fake scrapes, learned to read the "signs", put up 2 stands, learned what worked best to cover my scent, etc.. Not that the book taught me everything but it helped me quite a bit. This year I saw more deer than ever and learned more than ever. We have deer on our property, but they are often difficult to find during the season. As an example 2 family members that hunted the same land for many, many years were very shocked to learn that I was seeing 2-3 deer every time I went and even 9 deer one night. I did manage to get a big 6 pt to visit my scrape site Mid October and got 4 great pictures on my trail cam. That buck disappeared until late November where I got a shot. My first Tennessee Deer and the biggest buck of my life (not huge compared to many states but good sized for my area at 135 lbs field dressed, roughly 3.5-4 yrs old) and my first season back hunting. I attribute a lot of that to this book and persistence in the field. Overall it is a great book and one that I will likely re-read for many years to come. Just buy the book already! Thanks for reading, Bryan

I am new to deer hunting, but have had to desire to do it my whole life. This book has been very educational to me and I would recommend it to anyone who is also just getting started. Found out about this book through my Outdoor Life magazine subscription, they wanted two payments of ~\$20. This price was much more affordable.

Great book pictures are beautiful, a lot of tips based on research and experiment great book weather your new to hunting or a veteran there is just do much information in it, I got the hard cover good binding, broken down easy to understand and written with some humor...

Very good book. I credit it with helping me harvest a nice doe this year. Likes:- good content- excellent graphics and illustrations- thick glossy pages, attractive metal trim corners - great gift Dislikes / opportunities for improvement:- focuses almost exclusively on patterning and finding bucks.- would like to see some additional equipment reviews e.g. "best for the money", "best value",

"editors choice"- would like to see more information on using topo maps- would like to see pictures of wild plants deer eat/prefer Overall, it's a very good book, and I'd highly recommend for hunters of all skill levels.

I thought after 20 years deer hunting and reading countless articles I didn't really need or want this book. I was wrong, it is well written and I learned some new things. Yes, it has the basics for someone starting out, but it also had those small thoughts and skills of one with years of experience. Good pictures, diagrams.

Bear in mind that I'm not much of a hunter. That said, I would argue that many of the "skills" referenced are beyond anything I'm ever going to do. I won't be buying a plot of land specifically to load the soil with minerals and chop down trees so I can make some "suggested" bedding areas or what have you with watering holes and all that jazz. However... What it does cover in terms of scouting an area, what to look for, the information on current deer behavioral studies regarding migration during various parts of the season and so forth, should in theory help me find a deer to turn into dinner. Come hunting season, I guess we'll see. Sidenote - I'm not a hunter but I do know guns, and their commentary on hardware, what to look for, within what price range you can achieve certain marksmanship goals, etc... was on point. No hurt feelings regarding the purchase price.

I don't even hunt and I spent all afternoon paging through this book (rather than wrapping it for my husband)! Really interesting and great pictures. He is a VERY seasoned hunter, and I highly doubt he will find this boring. It is really well made too, nothing like I expected. It is heavy, thicker cover than most paperbacks, and even has nice metal tips on the corners. Will make a great gift for any hunter. I am already buying more copies for friends/family!

All of the Field & Stream books I have read are set up basically the same. They contain loads of "tips and tricks." --- That's good, and it's bad. Each topic is anything from a paragraph to a page in length. That's good for a "quickie" how-to, but if you are looking for an "in depth dissertation," then forget it. I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY THESE "TIPS & TRICKS" FOUND IN THESE BOOKS FIRST, BEFORE LEAVING HOME. There might not be enough information to "pull you out" if you are in the field and need to try something in these books for the first time.

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