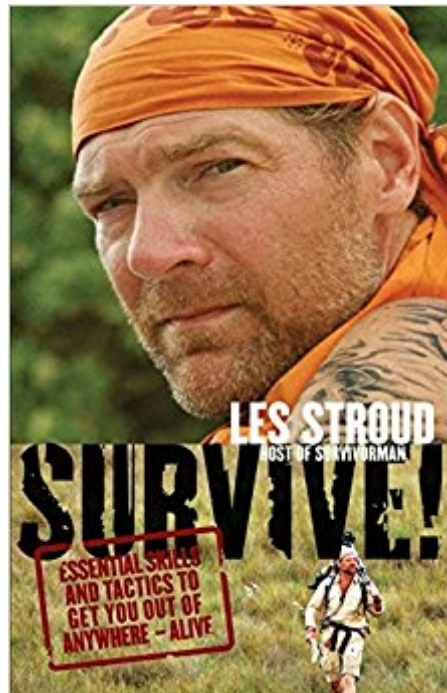




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# Survive!: Essential Skills And Tactics To Get You Out Of Anywhere - Alive



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Survival expert and filmmaker Les Stroud is the creator/producer/host/director of *Survivorman* and *Les Stroud: Beyond Survival* on the Discovery Channel. He has produced, hosted, and appeared in many television specials, including *Shark Week*, *Surviving Alaska*, and *Off the Grid with Les Stroud*.

Having Les Stroud concentrate even a fraction of his skill and experience into a survival guide is phenomenal. Stroud is a tried and true badass that lives survival and outdoors lifestyle's with such ease. Stroud attempts to share some of this knowledge and experience to help others if they may ever regrettably end up in a survival situation.

I'm about 3/4 of the way done with this book and so far I have to give it a solid 4+ stars. The book is laid out in a logical way, and Les focuses on simple and basic survival techniques. He emphasizes that survival isn't romantic or comfortable, and urges people to get past certain mindsets that might prevent them from surviving such as being unwilling to burrow into a leaf pile (as an emergency shelter) or eating bugs. He explains where to find the dry tinder, what food sources are realistic and what aren't, and takes the time to explain differences between survival in different climates and how the challenges change. I've taken survival courses, read survival books and websites, and watch the survival shows and still there were things in the book that I didn't know and some could be very useful. Of particular help is the way Les will break certain skills down so that you don't have to learn things the hard way—such as (when making fire) holding your tinderball over your mouth and blowing up (away from your hands) so that when the tinderball ignites you don't burn your hands, or unusual things that make good tinder. There's a lot of little tidbits like that throughout the book, often

labeled "Stroud's Tips". Unlike many authors, Les doesn't romanticize survival and makes a point to state that it isn't going to be comfortable or fun- although he emphasizes working to improve your shelter and camp daily to make it more comfortable as time goes on. He also goes over certain things that will help you psychologically so that you keep from falling into a depression and giving up. All in all, I think this is a very good book and well written.

I enjoyed the Survivorman series so I thought that Les Stroud's Survival book would be an interesting read. I was a little surprised at how practical of book this is to use. Stroud has a done great job in going into great detail on each survival tactic. The book is about 300 pages but it is probably still light enough that you will be able to take it with you on your backpacking trip. One thing that surprised me was how useful this is for home owners. Let's be honest most of us will not get stuck in a survival situation in the wild. However, a tornado, hurricane, earthquake, ice storm or other natural occurrence may make living in your home a survival situation. Never fear, Survive! will help get you prepared by telling you what you should always store in your house or car. Les Stroud includes many stories and anecdotes from the "Survivorman" series. He is able to give survival tips and then explain how we was able to employ it during the series. This may not sound like much, but it helps to make the book much more readable - more a "book" and less like a "manual".  
Final Verdict - at the very least "Survive" is an excellent survival manual. At best, it is entertaining and enlightening in the steps you need to take in order to... survive!  
5 Stars

This is the best book I have seen on the fundamentals of survival! I got it for Christmas and it is the first survival book, that I sat down and read cover to cover! Usually, with other survival books I scan them and pick out individual sections to read more carefully. I read every page in this one including the index! (Yes, it even has an excellent index!) I have a collection of books on survival techniques and most of them have just copied from the Army Survival Manual and from each other. This is the first I have seen with such a unique and practical, down to earth survival philosophy. Les doesn't try to go into advanced survival techniques, but instead opts for the best of the simple and most effective techniques for everything from making a fire to building a shelter or gathering food. Anyone who learns and practices the techniques in this book will be well prepared to deal with a survival emergency. An example of Les' down-to-earth approach is in fire building. He goes over the standard wilderness fire starting techniques, such as flint-and steel and the fire bow. However his answer to the question of which is his favorite technique for a survival situation is "a butane lighter!". I've never been in a "real" survival situation, but I do practice the survival techniques I have

learned when I am out camping or hiking, or even in the back yard. I know enough about survival in the outdoors to recognize the genuine thing. Les has "been there and done that" and knows what he is talking about. I worry a lot about some of the other TV shows on "survival" that are more entertainment and fantasy driven. It bothers me to think that some might try to follow the example of some of these other hosts. Not so with Les. Following HIS example and using the techniques in this book will give you your best chance to get out of a survival situation alive!

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