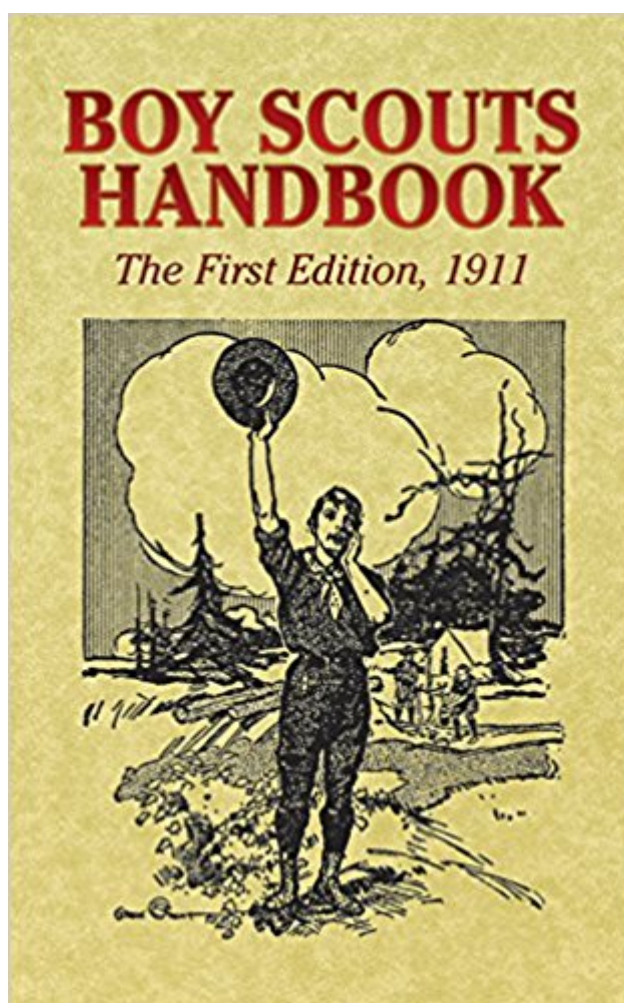


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Its amazing how different the handbook is today compared to the older ones. This one is loaded with great, useful information. The newest one is essentially useless.

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bought this thinking it was the official handbook that my son needed for Boy Scouts. might be useful but not the required one.

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