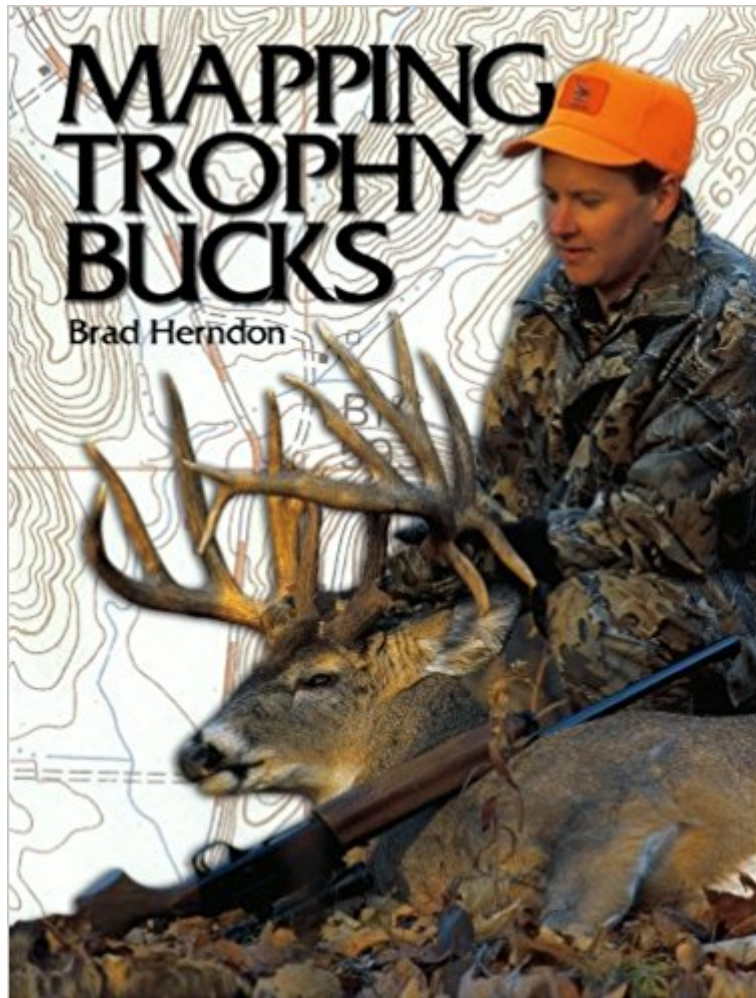




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Synopsis

Using Topographic Maps to Find Deer Topographic maps and aerial photos can lead you right to the biggest bucks you've ever seen. You just have to know how to use them. Brad Herndon takes the mystery out of finding deer with maps. Through years of dedicated hunting and careful study of maps and photos, Herndon has perfected the use of maps to find the routes deer travel. And once you know where the deer will be headed you can establish the perfect ambush site.

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Customer Reviews

Brad Herndon, published since 1987, writes several articles appearing in a number of popular outdoor publications, including Deer & Deer Hunting, Turkey & Turkey Hunting, Outdoor Life, Peterson's Hunting, North American Whitetail, and more. Plus, Brad and his wife are outdoor photographers for Realtree and Advantage camouflage's national ads. Brad and his wife live in Brownstown, Indiana.

Great book which ranges from some basic concepts to much more in depth ones in regards to terrain features, how they affect deer, and how to hunt deer utilizing the terrain. The only thing I think would be beneficial is for Mr. Herndon to update the book including the new technology--mainly the explosion of the internet and cell phone usage. It would be too easy to incorporate mapping software, files, programs, and weather applications to help with reading maps and the wind and would reinforce the concepts already laid out in the book. Even so, this is a great read for any serious hunter, novice to advanced, and is full of information that will make someone a

better deer hunter.

This book was recommended to me by a fellow wildlife officer. I've been a deerhunter for many years, and although I knew about using land topography to funnel deer into my treestand shooting zone, this book explained several different aspects of this approach in detail that I hadn't thought about before. When you walk onto a tract of land for the first time, most of the time you have to spend a LOT of time scouting it looking for deer sign. Using the principles in this book and a topo map of the property, you should be able to pinpoint exactly where the deer are coming into, crossing and exiting the property within a matter of minutes. You'll still have to put in the time putting up your stand and clearing shooting lanes, but the scouting time will be cut dramatically using these principles. Whether you're a novice or an old time deer hunter, you really need to spend some time with the ideas in this book. The principles are sound, and they work.

This should be required reading for all whitetail deer hunters! Very informative and technical - which I like. Can NEVER get outdated in my opinion. Helps you pick out spots remotely with the use of today's internet based digital maps and aerial imagery. I wish I had this years ago when I started hunting! It would have saved a lot of time scouting unproductive locations on new turf which is this book's greatest feature. Whether looking at new hunting grounds (public land, or private) or even looking at the property you've hunted for years with a new perspective, this book is really THE SOURCE for helping you find potential spots prior to in-field scouting. There's also plenty of good information about technology, hunting setup tactics, hunting the wind, and countless others. Honestly, one of the few MUST HAVE books on hunting whitetailed deer.

This book has some great information, but it could have easily conveyed the information effectively in half of the pages. It is worth reading but I found myself skimming through most of the information. The diagrams have most of the information you need. Most of the text was the author explaining the diagrams in too much detail or telling a story from experience in too much irrelevant detail. The experience stories were relevant in saying that the author or his wife had successfully hunted the areas suggested. However, the experience stories did not teach much on how to do it by example; most of the stories could be summed up like this: "I did what I suggested in the last paragraph in 1996 and bagged a big buck doing it." They were mostly the same so I skimmed most of them once I figured out the pattern. I would estimate that half of this book is photos, which makes it a quick read, but the extent of detail makes it boring and dragged out. It gets 4 stars because the

author is definitely a good hunter and the knowledge presented is definitely helpful to anyone who would hunt, but it was a dragged out read.

Any one wanting to learn how to quickly and efficiently eliminate areas of the woods to NOT spend time in looking for deer this is your ticket! As in many an arena, location, location location!!! This is an awesome way to borrow 30 years of someone elses experience to help you arrive at the most probable "locations" without spending hour and mile after mile afoot in the woods. This is a how-to swap that time for sitting quietly on stand in an area likely to produce an encounter. Easy read, logically laid out, and with practice a tool that will work time and again in any area. I would recommend this to anyone wanting to increase their success rate while decreasing the work and frustration of white tail deer hunting... You still have to make the shot dough! Gene Stallworth Cincinnati, Ohio

Some of the information has become slightly dated with the advent of Google Earth, but the rest of it is pure gold. I read it over last summer, anticipating the coming hunting season and I was amazed how much this book opened my eyes as to how the deer were using the topography of the land. I set up on many of the spots this past season that this book discussed as good hunting locations and I saw deer moving through them. This book will surely help you to take deer more consistently (I got my first real crack at a deer this past season using my traditional archery set up..... don't ask.... :)) and if nothing else, add some reason to the seemingly irrational things that deer do. If you are a trophy buck hunter, the information in this book will surely become a part of your hunting strategy.

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