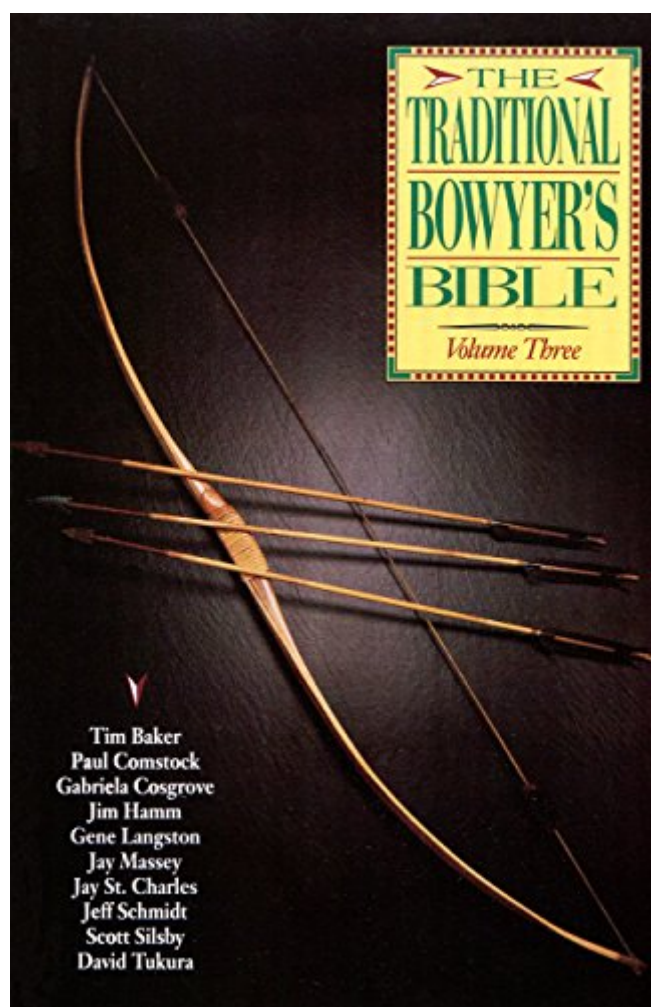


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Traditional Bowyer's Bible, Volume 3



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Synopsis

With combined experience totaling over a century, the authors thoroughly explain every facet of the bowmaking process, making construction easy even for the first-time bowyer.

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Customer Reviews

(This review pertains to the first three volumes as a whole. I do not own the new 4th volume ... yet.)The Traditional Bowyer's Bible can be reviewed fairly briefly.On the pro side:- The authors are traditional archery experts.- The content is wide-ranging, covering longbows, recurves, flatbows, backed bows, composite bows, takedown, asymmetrical bows, arrows, nocks, fletching, backings, finishing, tools, etc. Virtually every bow type is represented and from every area of the world and from ancient history to the present day.- The books contain original material, such as information on hysteresis.- The content covers basics to very advanced topics.- Though the authors express individual preferences here and there(bow types, woods, etc.), taken as a whole the material is quite neutral and fact-based.- Design is emphasized as much as construction, perhaps more so. I'd go further and say the intent of the series is to teach foundational material and definitely not to present

simple how-to instructions. I've made bows using these books, but see comments below, too.- There is very little throw-away material, here meaning text that preaches to the choir about the virtues of traditional archery. On the con side:- The material is topically organized (e.g., design, tillering, woods). While that's terrific for the topic, it isn't the best for the step-by-step how-do-I-make-a-bow reader. You really have to read the bulk of the material to put it together.- These may not be the best books for someone just starting out in traditional archery. The authors presume basic knowledge of archery and terminology. A newcomer, unless extraordinarily enthusiastic, will be overwhelmed.

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