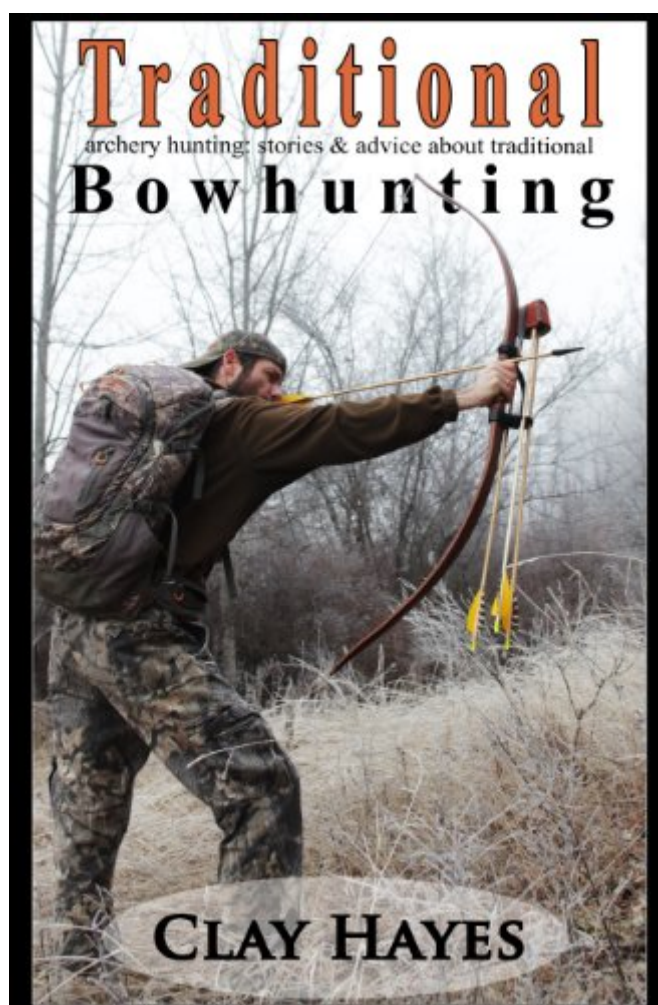


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# Traditional Archery Hunting: Stories And Advice About Traditional Bowhunting



## Synopsis

In this entertaining collection of stories, Clay Hayes takes readers on traditional archery hunting adventures across the country. From the mysteries of the southern swamps, to the rugged mountains of central Idaho, Clay brings woodsmanship, and a fascination with nature, to the forefront. His enthusiasm and dedication to the hunt is evident as he reminds us that it's more about the journey than the destination; more about the effort than the inches. The stories in this book lean heavy on the most traditional and aesthetic of weapons – the longbow. Not because he thinks it makes him a better hunter, but because it's what he knows. Traditional archery is at the very core of why Clay hunts. It allows him to fill the hunter's niche that was carved out ten thousand years ago. It forces him to overcome an animal's senses, to exist within that hypersensitive bubble where game has evolved to detect and evade predators much more skilled than himself. In other words, it means a lot of tag soup, but an unparalleled sense of accomplishment when it all comes together. Scroll up to get your copy now. You do not need a Kindle to enjoy the Kindle version. There are free apps available for smart phones, tablets, PCs and Macs.

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## Customer Reviews

I can easily say this is the best collection of bowhunting stories I've ever come across.

Down-to-earth, entertaining and well-written, and spanning environments from Florida to Idaho. Told with honesty and an understated humor, Mr. Hayes demonstrates intimate knowledge of the places he describes, and obvious passion. There is something here for anyone who loves spending time in wild places and wandering far from the road with a bow in hand. A welcome antidote to all the "whack 'em and stack 'em" media that is far too prevalent these days.

I was quite disappointed in this (short) collection of stories. The authors videos are high quality and enjoyable, so perhaps my expectations were too high. First; the quality of the book and printing was poor. The first forty pages all had a blank vertical line on the left hand page through print so I was forced to guess the missing letters by context. Though i did chuckle during one instance trying to guess what d\_ck was (duck). It didnt really matter as the first half was filled with stories that had little point and went nowhere. The writing seemed rushed or inexperienced here as well. Things turned around with "Bare Bones" which was a great story in all ways. Towards the end he includes how-to chapters; how to tan a hide, how to butcher a quarter. While this could be useful, they seemed like space fillers, and they failed at that, getting the book only to 80+ pages (also thanks to large font). And the end of the final chapter repeated, almost word for word, a bear story from "Bare Bones". This book MIGHT be worth a buck or two from a used book store. Also weird they used a reverse image photo on the cover (he appears to be shooting southpaw when his videos and in a story he refers to being a righty, and you can see his wedding band on his what appears to be his right hand). Really, you couldn't just take another picture? Just adds to the considerable laziness that the book conveys; "let me grab a couple of my practice writings and a few magazine acticles so I can cheaply publish a book and overcharge for it."

This book is filled with many great stories and insights. Clay does an excellent job on bringing you into the moment, noticing the smallest of details that only a true woodsman would notice. I enjoyed the simplicity of some of the stories and found his level of passion intoxicating. The chapters giving advise and instruction on various topics is also excellent! This book is a must for anyone who truly love the traditional way! Thanks Clay!

Outstanding book for the Traditional Archer or any other that likes the outdoors. I have been involved in Primitive Archery for about 25 years and Clay has it going on in terms of woodsmanship and knowledge of primitive skills. Thanks for writing this book, creating your website and your bow building videos. I have sent several new bowyers to your site and it helped them understand the steps to building a good bow. Mike

Some decent stories but I felt for a small book of 85 pages in black-and-white this book to be a little overpriced for what it really is. It's more of a pocket read than anything else. Save your money and buy something else more worth it.

Clay has put together the Readers Digest version of what it is to be a Traditional Bowhunter. If you are asked why you hunt with a stick and string, and you can't put your feelings into words just give them this book. It is a clear and concise answer. The love of the outdoors and all things living there comes through in every line. Thanks Clay and keep up the good work. Rob B.

Clay does not retell boastful tales of conquest. He does not lay out the "magic secret that only he knows (and you can, too, for a price and potion)". He does not tout his "ultrawhacker (and signature endorsed) gear". That, in this modern era, is almost unheard of. What Clay does do is talk to you as a friend, and about things that matter: how to start butchering your own meat, how to start on the path of woodsmanship. I say start because his words and his wisdom are clear that each path will be different and that his path is not going to be mine or yours. He'll tell you a few stories about his own adventures, and they are well lived and well told, but none so out of the realm of possibility that any of us are left thinking that we couldn't do that, too. Clay's work brings us back to an earlier time, one of Bear and of Leupold. He's taking us back to those times and to that path; one we should never have left in the first place. His elders long ahead on that path have to be looking back with a smile and a nod; proud that someone has found their tracks and is following, bringing us along. We'd be wise to follow.

I bought this book a few hours ago, and found that I couldn't put it down. I was glad to find that I am not the only hunter that returns home empty handed on occasion and still considers the hunt to be successful! Some of the stories gave me a good chuckle, while others had me dreaming that I was out with Clay stalking the quarry. This was a great book for anyone who enjoys hunting; especially

bow hunting. It is refreshing to read about a hunter that uses a simple, traditional approach, instead of the typical articles in many hunting magazines insisting you buy the latest product to bag your deer.

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