

## Basic Rockcraft

*Royal Robbins*

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**Royal Robbins : Basic Rockcraft** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Basic Rockcraft:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great BookBy RobI got this book just after Royal Robbins died. I think if you're looking for a guidebook to follow, this probably isn't the right book for that. I got it more as a piece of rock climbing history and to remember Royal by. I think if you read it with that mindset, its a great book and so interesting to look in the mind of one of the pioneers of American climbing. I read it in about an hour and am so glad to have it in my collection of books.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Book on Rock Climbing! Should be in Print Again!By A Field GeologistThis is THE book on real rock climbing Royal Robbins is the guy you want to learn from. I read it first in the mid 70s and bought another copy to give to a young friend. Its far better than any modern book on the topic.This book needs to be in print again.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Book for Rock Clumber BeginnersBy JWCPAI bought this book for a daughter who is starting to take a regular interest in rock climbing with a boy friend, mostly indoors gyms at this point.When I did some small amount of simple rock climbing in the early 1970s, Basic Rockcraft, Advanced Rockcraft, both by Royal Robbins, Ropes Knots and Slings for Climbers (Walt Wheelock), and Mountaineering - Freedom of theHills (The Mountaineers) were the texts I used to learn about the subject and some of the basic techniques. All are superb books for getting started. I'm glad that all of these are still available, new or used from or eBay, inexpensive when used, the shipping cost can be higher than the cost some of the books.Basic Rockcraft is a bit dated in a few sections like the use of body belays and improvised

seat and chest harnesses made with webbing. These days I suspect everyone uses commercially purchased harnesses and mechanical belay devices that are probably safer, as they are more forgiving of use techniques. However, I think the rock climbing philosophy, belay procedures/protocols, and climbing techniques that Royal Robbins preached are timeless. Highly recommended.

In *Basic Rockcraft*, author Royal Robbins offers instructions on fundamental techniques for the beginning rock climber. Illustrated throughout with bw photos and line drawings.