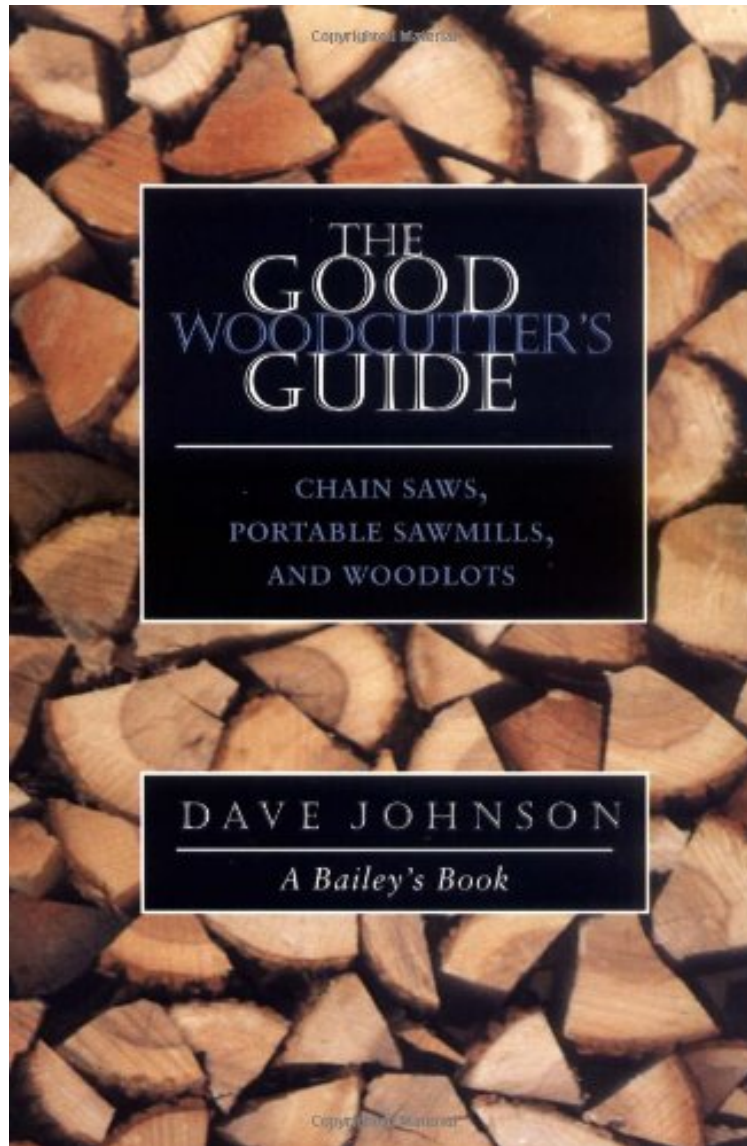


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17 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Topical BookBy Todd CoonMr. Johnson writes from

the viewpoint of a Wisconsin pulpwood cutter, but his chapters are applicable to most anywhere on the North American subcontinent. I would have liked to have seen more material on large-girth trees, especially second generation trees common to New England. His discussion of Swedish logging techniques is excellent, and conceptualized a growing trend towards ecologically sensible timber harvesting. The chapter on tree-felling, especially his cutting in a pivot method (with top of bar doing the cutting) is contrary to what most woodcutters have been taught and provocative. His chapter on which saw to buy (Yes, I have a Husqvarna, Dave!!!) was also compelling. It's too bad American companies let themselves get trashed by Stihl and Husky - I have a nice 1989 McCulloch Titan 50 and will put that up against any European saw, but cannot get parts for it anymore. Excellent discussion of the pros and cons of portable sawmills. Since I was considering the purchase of one, he pointed out several factors to consider that I had not thought of previously. This was a key reason I bought this book. I would like to see a complete book on portable sawmilling that covers all aspects of it. All in all a superb book for a beginner, and a good refresher for an experienced woodcutter like me with over 20 years experience. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great information! Well written! By Customer I love this book! I am new to woodcutting and this book is a fun and well-written read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very informative guide to small woodlot management. By Customer I liked this book - It was not exactly what I had in mind but close enough that I could use it as a valuable resource. I am from a part of the country where deciduous forests reign supreme and this book is more conifer related with some mentions of scrub oaks but I still enjoyed the read. The information about selective harvesting, chainsaw use and maintenance and picking a certain brand of saw were all very helpful.

A good woodcutter uses the best equipment, and works safely. A good woodcutter works responsibly to get the best yield from the woodlot. A good woodcutter loves the forest and manages it with an eye for future generations. The Good Woodcutter's Guide is the first book in more than two decades to focus on the essential tools and information that enable owners of small woodlots to gain the maximum yield and enjoyment from their time in the woods. You will learn: How to use the right chain saw How to find the best dealer Chain and saw maintenance Safe techniques for felling, limbing, and bucking Tips for productive, sustainable woodlot management When to use a portable sawmill Written in a warm, accessible style, The Good Woodcutter's Guide is a perfect manual for anyone who owns a chain saw and wants to use it to its full potential.

.com Greg Blanchard, a professional logger, says of Dave Johnson's book, "I enjoyed the book immensely and was constantly amazed to hear someone else describe a predicament which I all too often find myself in. The information is accurate, realistic, and practical." Chain saws can do in a weekend what used to take a wood cutter an entire summer, but at the same time, used improperly or carelessly, they are certainly one of the most dangerous of power tools and can cause serious injury and even death. Johnson provides a thorough and very readable overall look at choosing a saw, chain brakes, spare parts, felling, managing your woodlot, hard hats, safety equipment and guidelines, advice on sharpening and maintenance, cutting and selling firewood, and the pros and cons of portable sawmills in what is the most comprehensive overview of wood cutting written in recent years. Not a dry, technical manual, Johnson's accessible writing style is similar to Gene Logsdon's in his well-known The Contrary Farmer. The author's expertise on the subject is reinforced by the book's selection for special distribution by Bailey's, the nation's leading mail-order supplier of gear for loggers and foresters. --Mark A. Hetts About the Author Dave Johnson and his wife Marcia make a living from their 400-acre farm in central Wisconsin. Dave has written for The Country Journal, National Woodlands and The Northern Logger magazines. Both he and Marcia are former directors of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association.