

## Prepper's Survival Navigation by Walter Glen Martin – Book Reviews

By AwesomeBEA on May 12, 2017

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It's definitely a minor fear of mine to be stranded away from civilization. However, with books like Prepper's Survival Navigation I can at least brush up on basic skills that may help me reach people. Or at least not die until people find me.

Martin writes a detailed book on the proper steps to navigation, shelter and other basic survival skills. Although some things may seem like common sense (like keeping where you use the bathroom away from your sleeping area) there is a lot to learn in this book such as letting clothing air out in the sun if there's not a near a water source and leaving clean thread hanging out of a blister to absorb the liquid inside. Martin also tells the reader how to make soap, but I'll stick to the bare minimum for nature survival.

My survival goal would be to walk and make it back to civilization. To do this, Martin's section on finding North without a compass is very handy. Between making a sundial, finding the North Star or making a compass (airplane parts from the crash you made it out from?) one should be able to find ones way. If you choose to wait for help, Martin includes detailed but not overly intricate explanations on how to make shelter in multiple weather conditions, and to look out for signs of dehydration. The book is interesting enough to read in a day but great for referencing back to make sure you take precaution and keep yourself aware when traveling in nature.

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By Danie on May 17, 2017

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It's a super informative book but to be honest it was really text heavy. I guess I'm more of an aesthetic person and the book reminded me of a novel, it just required too much reading to get to the juice of it. That being said, it didn't really matter because after reading the book I feel thoroughly prepared for our backpacking trip along the John Muir trail in Yosemite this summer. This is a great book for a girl from the city who doesn't know anything about being stranded. I mean really, a compass, wherever would I need that? I have an iPhone. JK, I will need to know that, which is why my boyfriend recommend I get this boo. It really is a great way to get back to learning the basics as well as to help critically think about what to do in situations we've never imagined - like if all we had with us was sand. This book definitely makes me feel comfortable about going camping, backpacking, hiking etc. It's a must-read book for anyone who is looking to understand what to do if you ever get lost.

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By Xan. Belzley on May 8, 2017

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I am so glad my dad got this for me! I highly recommend reading the entire thing before embarking on a wilderness adventure-- even something as simple as a weekend hiking trip would be made easier by this book. It has a little bit of everything-- reading a map, using a compass, finding your way without those things, first aid, building a fire... Whether you're in an emergency situation or just a little turned around, you'd almost certainly find great advice in this book. It's organized very well, so that you build your knowledge as you read it, and it's written in language that's simple but detailed enough to get the job done. I can't wait to go on my first overnight camping hike next month, and I feel much more confident with this book in my bag doing so.

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By Ann on May 7, 2017

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This is a great book for just basic knowledge of navigation. Anyone can get lost anywhere, anytime. This is knowledge that could be kept in the back of your mind for times of an emergency or catastrophe. This book is only about 160 pages divided into 13 chapters. My favorite part are that the chapters are divided into sections that are short and easy to read and comprehend. Before GPS, these skills were probably known to everyone. I was taught as a child to learn to read topographical maps and how a compass works, but never about navigating using the stars or other wilderness signs. I think this book should be taught in school in 5th or 6th grade. These basic skills would save your life.

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By Sandra Damm on May 2, 2017

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Preppers Survival Navigation makes for a fascinating read. The author is not only extremely knowledgeable; his practical information comes from his life story; making the information very real since he shares his stories with each chapter opener. We have all followed the news of skiers, hikers, boaters – people who have set out to have fun and then found themselves lost and in life threatening situations. That is not the time to wish you had read this book and learned how to function in the outdoors. For parents who are desperate to provide non-digital experiences for their children – this is your road map! We all are startled when we realize our children can't read a map or perhaps even an analog clock. The first chapter, Finding North with a Compass provides many navigation activities that can take place right in your backyard or a nearby camping spot. Your family will not look at the outdoors in the same way after gaining these skills.