

Book Buzz

With Carolyn Larson

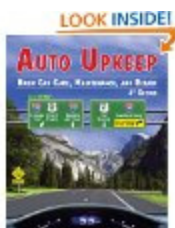
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*Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.
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HOW TO for HIM and HER— July 15, 2009 Column

How to dry squid? How to sharpen a chain saw? How to milk a goat? How to crochet a bikini? You can find out how to do these things and hundreds more at your neighborhood library. Whether you're looking for quilting ideas, sample resumes, or vegan recipes or you want to know how to repair a dryer, just ask your community librarian to point you in the right direction. In addition to guides *for Dummies* and *Complete Idiot's* guides on a multitude of topics, you will find helpful measurements, quantities, calculations, directions, and inspiration lingering on the shelves at your library. More than just instructions and illustrations, how-to books can give you background and context information, encouragement and tips to make your project successful and enjoyable. This week's eclectic Book Buzz list reflects the rich variety of how-to books for both him and her available at your library.

Happy Reading!



Auto Upkeep: Basic Car Care, Maintenance, and Repair

By Michael E. Gray and Linda E. Gray

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Easy to follow information with detailed pictures and drawings. Learn how to choose a quality repair facility, buy a car, handle roadside emergencies, diagnose common problems and communicate effectively with technicians--all while saving money. Try **The Complete Guide to Auto Body Repair** by Dennis W. Parks for tools and materials, metal and composite collision repair, rust, painting undercoats and topcoats.



Cake Decorating

By Rachel Brown

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Tools and techniques for piping, crimping, marbling, adding frills and creating sugar flowers all demonstrated. Includes expert advice, tips and troubleshooting as well as information about equipment and techniques, recipes, food safety tips, and clever crafts. Also in the cookbook department try **How to Dry Foods: The Most Complete Guide to Drying Foods at Home** by Deanna DeLong for a step-by-step guide to drying all kinds of fruits, vegetables, herbs and nuts with your home dehydrating equipment.



Claire Shaeffer's Fabric Sewing Guide

By Claire Shaeffer

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Latest full-color version of the classic standard reference on fabric. A guide to selection, wear, care and sewing of all fabrics including fiber content, fabric structure, fabric types, interfacing and linings and sewing techniques. For more sewing techniques try the author's **Couture Sewing Techniques**. For fun animals and toys try **Toys to Sew** by Claire Garland.

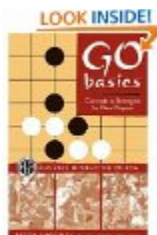


Do Your Own Home Staging: Sell Your Home Faster, Sell It for More

By Tina Parker

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Just as you would dress yourself up for a job interview, dressing up your home to make a sale can help you get a good price. The tried, tested and mostly inexpensive techniques are detailed in this book. Includes checklists for each area of your home.



Go Basics: Concepts and Strategies for New Players

By Peter Shotwell

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One of the oldest games being played today. A simple but thorough introduction with easy to follow instruction and diagrams. And for your next poker night consult **Phil Gordon's Little Green Book: Lessons and Teachings in No Limit Texas Hold'em**.



Guitar Player Repair Guide **How to Set Up, Maintain, and Repair Electrics and Acoustics**

By Dan Erlewine

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Latest edition of the common-sense step-by-step maintenance manual for every guitar owner coded for three levels of expertise: basic, do-it-yourself and deep. A map and compass after being lost in the guitar maintenance wilderness. For musical inspiration try **1000 Songwriting Ideas** by Lisa Aschmann.

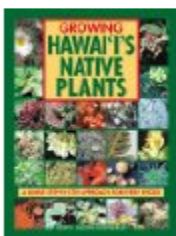


Living With Pigs: **Everything You Need to Know to Raise Your Own Porkers**

By Chuck Wooster

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Friendly advice and appealing anecdotes help you determine what breed of pig is best for you, provide shelter, food, and training, treating injuries and illnesses, butchering and bringing home the bacon. Also in animals you will find **The Complete Book of Dog Breeding** by Dan Rice with guidance for both novice and professional dog breeders in choosing brood stock, using DNA, and learning about potential breeding problems, artificial insemination, pregnancy, labor, normal and cesarean-section births, nutrition, and neonatal puppy care.



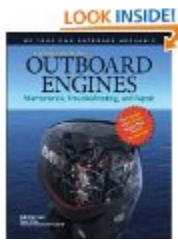
Growing Hawai'i's Native Plants: **A Simple Step-by-Step Approach for Every Species**

By Kerin E. Lilleeng-Rosenberger

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Clear, easy-to-read and thoroughly researched entries of each of the 1,104 native Hawaiian species from Kauai's own leading native Hawaiian plant propagation expert. Includes species

descriptions, information on provenance, growing methods, germination rates, pest and disease control and directions for outplanting. A photographically illustrated one-stop reference. Also try **Bonsai School: The Complete Course in Care, Training & Maintenance** by Craig Coussins or the latest edition of **Scott's Lawns: Your Guide to a Beautiful Yard**.



Outboard Engines: Maintenance, Troubleshooting, and Repair

By Ed Sherman

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Proper maintenance and an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of your outboard are prerequisites for trouble-free boating and maximum engine longevity. This book fills the gap between owner's manual and professional shop guides for complete engine rebuilds. It covers basic operating principles, maintenance procedures and troubleshooting techniques for two- and four-stroke engines from 2 to 300 horsepower. Also new on the shelves is **Boat Mechanical Systems Handbook: How to Design, Install and Recognize Proper Systems in Boats** by Dave Gerr. Or look for **The Small-Engine Handbook** by Peter Hunn for lawnmowers, chainsaws, go-karts and more.

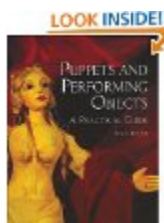


Outdoor Navigation with GPS

By Stephen W. Hinch

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A GPS is an essential tool for making the most out of backcountry trips. Covers the fundamentals of traditional navigation, basic GPS use, selecting receivers, and creating custom maps. Diagrams and illustrations help the jargon-free easy-to-follow style.



Puppets and Performing Objects: A Practical Guide

By Tina Bicat

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How puppets and objects are used with light, shadows and sound in performance today. The difference between props and performing objects and why directors, writers and producers use them. Styles of performance and how to animate, how to use puppets and objects in community work and what they can do that humans can't. On another arts topic try **The Animation Bible: A Practical Guide to the Art of Animating, from Flipbooks to Flash.**



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A Complete Guide to Public Speaking

By James O'Loughlin

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Comedian and TV/radio presenter O'Loughlin tells you how to master speaking in public with practical and friendly tips for every sort of gathering. The author takes you through the stages of giving a speech and shows you how to keep your audience eager for more. It will give you confidence. For a surprise performance check out **Magic Tricks for Grown-Ups** by Jon Tremaine.



Weekend Knitting:

Fifty Unique Projects and Ideas

By Melanie Falick

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This hot new hobby is an age-old craft...a low-tech antidote in a high-tech culture. Find unique and innovative projects which can be completed in a single weekend. Sprinkled with quotes about knitting, creativity and balanced living. Beautifully photographed. For more crafts try **The Stained Glass Classroom: Projects Using Copper Foil, Lead and Mosaic Techniques** by Vicki Payne or **Zulu Inspired Beadwork: Weaving Techniques and Projects.**