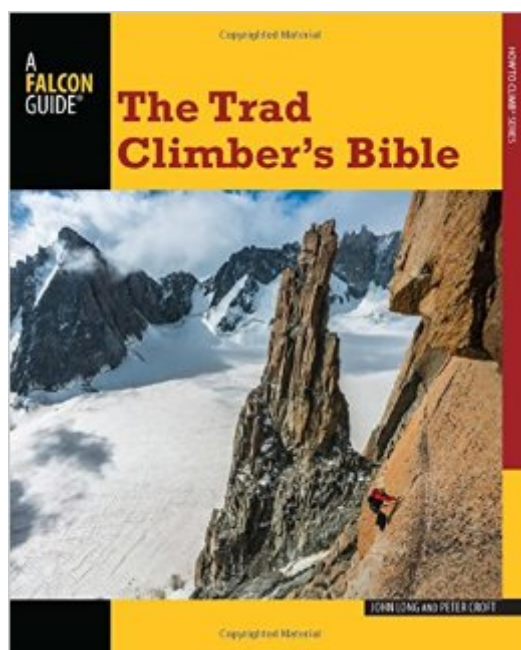


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# Trad Climber's Bible (How To Climb Series)



## Synopsis

Traditional, or simply, trad climbing, is a do-it-yourself adventure requiring the climbing team to negotiate the climb and to carry, hand-place and remove most if not all components of the roped safety system. In *The Trad Climber's Bible*, two of the most revered and respected trad climbers in the world, John Long and Peter Croft, offer hard-won knowledge to aspiring trad climbers in a narrative format that is as informative as it is entertaining. With photos by iconic climbing photographer Greg Epperson and AMGA Certified Rock Instructor Bob Gaines, this full color book will appeal to climbers of all stripes.

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I like the concept of a pseudo how-to book based on anecdotes with side bar elaborations on the lessons learned. That's how this book is setup. This approach is ideal for the topic, as well, i.e. "trad climbing", aka climbing big rocks without sport-bolted style protection, where the routes demand self reliance, experience, and good judgement. I say it is ideal because much of the trad deal involves having the right calibrated mindset. How much boldness is enough? When does excessive boldness become unsafe? How do you assess the risk factor of where you've found yourself? Here you have two guys, both decades-and-decades-seasoned, who have done this stuff non-stop (okay, Long screwed around with unicycles and poodle breeding off and on, granted) for a long time, who can also both think and write about it in an instructive and entertaining way. Yes, for those who have been reading climbing stories for a while, there's a good deal of recycled John Long material in here

- in spades (heh heh). But even with that, and even if the John Long style is beginning to wear on you a little after so many years, it hasn't been used in this way before. So it has value and it is welcome. Even better is that Croft's writing is well show cased here and there's plenty of it. His ability with the pen has been under rated and under utilized in my opinion, so enjoy this treasure trove. Be on the lookout for Peter's knack for pointing readers to the soul behind a story. If you have little trad knowledge and experience, you're still going to want the more how-to kind of books about anchor building, gear placement, dynamics of falls, etc. There are plenty of those. You're also gonna want some instruction and mentoring probably. These guys had less opportunity for that in their day.

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