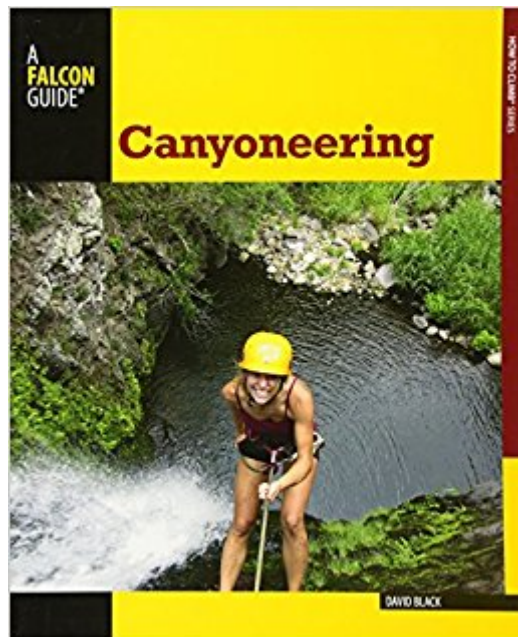




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# Canyoneering: A Guide To Techniques For Wet And Dry Canyons (How To Climb Series)



## Synopsis

In David Black's *Canyoneering: A Guide to Techniques for Wet and Dry Canyons*, readers learn the hazards and risks of canyoneering, the skills required to gain mastery of canyoneering style and technique, and simple, effective ways to negotiate hazardous terrain. This completely updated, thorough, and to-the-point guide will provide easily understood descriptions of skills used by leading-edge canyoneers and promote simple techniques for solving complex problems. The purpose of this book is to equip canyoneers at all levels with the technical skills they need to enjoy a clean canyoneering experience and avoid dangerous mistakes. This full-color book is the only guide endorsed by the American Canyoneering Association. Includes information on: The right way to apply climbing, caving, and whitewater skills to technical canyoneering An explanation of technical canyon ratings Simple, effective ways to negotiate hazardous terrain Twelve classic canyons in North America and their ratings ACA-certified instructors, guides, and guide service

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Most canyoneers enter the sport with little or no training or experience in the methods needed for safe, enjoyable excursions down America's technical canyons. This updated and revised book equips all levels of canyoneers with the technical skills needed to enjoy a clean canyoneering experience and to avoid dangerous mistakes. In *Canyoneering*, ACA-certified canyoneering instructor David Black covers all the basics, introducing readers to the hazards and

risks of the sport, the highly-specialized gear, belaying, anchors and anchor systems, and ascending and rappelling. More advanced information addresses pothole escapes, methods for navigating wet canyons, and canyon rescue—•all the skills required to gain mastery of canyoneering style and technique. • Also inside: • An explanation of technical canyon ratings • The right way to apply climbing, caving, and whitewater skills to technical canyoneering • Simple, effective ways to negotiate hazardous terrain • Twelve classic canyons in North America and their ratings • ACA-certified instructors, guides, and guide services

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I picked up this book because I have been canyoneering for several years but am still dependent upon others to be the expert in the canyon. This book purchase was a step towards educating myself on how to be a proficient canyoneer. First, I appreciate David's willingness to write this book, which is much needed in the canyoneering community, and I am sure was no small feat. It is easy to see how knowledgeable David is in canyoneering. I would give the book 5 stars if that was the only thing I was rating - author's knowledge. My main problems with the book include: 1- The book is touted for canyoneers of all levels. I have done scrambling, handlining, rappelling, etc. in the canyons and would consider myself somewhere between beginner and intermediate. With this said, I was surprised at how difficult a time I had following along in certain sections of the book. I feel like this book does a lot of assuming on reader knowledge in places. Because of that, I do not think this book is a good fit for beginners (unless you are willing to know that you will not understand many of the concepts in the book) despite the book's claim to be for canyoneers of all levels. I think this could be remedied with more detailed descriptions in places which can help the reader follow along. 2- I am surprised that Falcon guides would put out a book that had some basic grammatical issues. I would not necessarily expect someone who is a field expert to be an expert writer but I would expect the publishing company to do a better job of editing and organizing the book. 3- Lastly, for some reason, it bothers me so that the book provides guidance on ideal clothing and gear for traveling through canyons and then goes on to display many, many pictures that do not follow the guidance. I just feel like it undermines the validity of the book, unnecessarily. In my humble opinion, I think this

book is best for people who already have core competency in most/all aspects of canyoneering and are looking for a book to help freshen up on skills or learn a few new skills.

Such an awesome quick reference for new canyoneering folks. I bought this primarily to lend to new friends when I took them canyoneering so they would have some "homework" to familiarize themselves with before dropping into a canyon. I am so happy to have this on my shelf as a quick reference to explain techniques and styles to new canyoneer-hopefuls!

Decent book. Worth reading for me. As a 5.10 lead rock climber, 99% of this info will be redundant for you. If you haven't cleaned routes or done much rock climbing - maybe get the book. I got the book more just to confirm industry standard beliefs and reinforce the importance of them in my mind, not to actually learn something new. Much like an advanced motorcycle rider would still take the MSF course every year. It's good to hear it.

Overall, a great book about canyoneering. There are a number of basic grammatical errors, which is the only reason I would withhold one star. Illustrations are very good. There are a great many photos, and I would like to have seen more, but those included are excellent. Overall, for anyone interested in a solid reference text for Canyoneering, this is THE book!

Good book. I had to send the first one back because the binding was falling apart - they replaced it immediately

A classic. Some of the techniques are bit excessive, but understandable given the comprehensiveness of this book. Great material in here for the beginning to intermediate canyoneer.

Little more dated than what I thought but that was my fault for not reading the description.

great book, arrived quickly

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