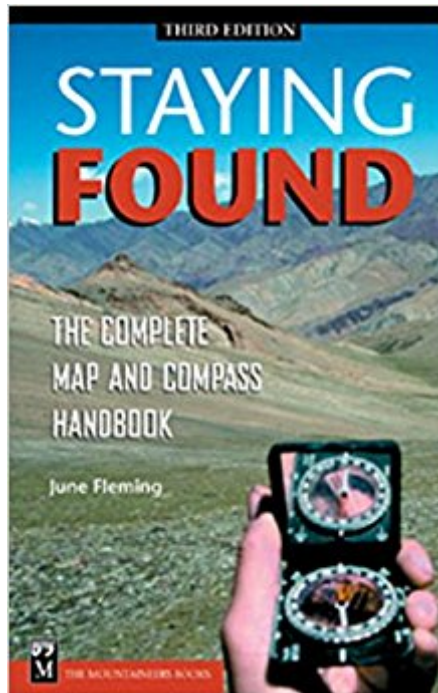




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Within this handbook you'll find crucial information on:

- * Reading Maps
- * Determining true directions
- * Following bearings, backbearings, and baselines
- * Using nature as a guide
- * Teaching kids to "stay found"
- * Coping if you are really lost

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Author JUNE FLEMING is the author of the Well-Fed Backpacker and teaches basic and advanced wilderness skills classes in the Pacific Northwest. She lives in Portland, Oregon.

Present for a young man, he liked it.

No GPS required.

A handy book about land navigation that includes a few techniques I have not seen elsewhere that are good to know. The author's experience teaching practical navigation methods is apparent in the material covered. Recommended.

VERY GOOD.

brushing up on old skills and learning new ones looking forward in using the new skills gained one two three

Love it. Fast delivery.

Fleming's objective is to provide a way of using a map & compass that is easy to remember as well as being not intimidating, and she achieves these results remarkably well in her book *Staying Found*. I have been out in the woods backpacking off-trail and have been able to use these techniques successfully, not only "staying found" but also navigating to small hidden lakes. Carol in California is lucky - in MY area, the declination is currently 19 degrees. Considering this value drifts back & forth, and that being even one degree off when you're taking your compass bearing can get you seriously lost, I think I'll stick with June's method rather than draw lines on my map that change from year to year.

I originally bought the first printing of this book as I wanted to learn how to use a map and compass. I was a total beginner to orienteering and wanted an "easy to read" book that could teach me the basics in as little time as possible. This book did the job wonderfully. In fact, over a decade later, I decided to see if a new addition had come out and when I found there was a third addition, (I missed the second) I quickly bought it. I didn't write a review after I bought the third edition but in checking after another couple of years to see if another edition was printed (it hasn't) I started

reading some of the reviews online and decided I should post my own. There have been some disparaging remarks about this book and they seem to come on two levels. The first is that it isn't the book called Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills. I have to admit that I never read that book but I also admit there is a big reason as to why I haven't. And that is I already read this book and so there wasn't a need to read a more detailed text. The second problem people have with the book is that the author teaches how to orient the map with the compass. Some people have commented that this isn't necessary anymore as all a hiker needs to do is to go out and buy a new compass that has an adjustable declination feature on it, eliminating the need to orient map and compass together. My comment to that is I would ask these people if they also advocate not bothering to learn addition and subtraction because they can just go out and buy a calculator? I believe that just like the basics in math, the basics of matching a map and compass should still be taught as one day, you might find yourself with only a basic compass that you'll need to use. Once you read this book, you'll never forget how to do it. Ms. Fleming's book is more than a guide on how to use map and compass though. It teaches the reader exactly what the title says: How to stay found. In fact, if you only wanted to learn map and compass, you'd only need to read Chapters 3, 4 and 5. In addition to those topics, Ms. Fleming teaches natural route finding methods, route planning, how to stay found and teaching children how to stay found. She also includes a chapter on route finding in the snow, which as you might expect, can be very tricky. This is an easy to read and understand book. In fact, after I read it, I was easily able to transfer the skills I learned to the type of compass I owned at the time, which was a military style, lensatic one. (I've since took Ms. Fleming's advice and went to a base plate style compass.) I thoroughly recommend this book to any person with little or no compass/map skills who wants a quick and easy read to give them the basic skills in this area.

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