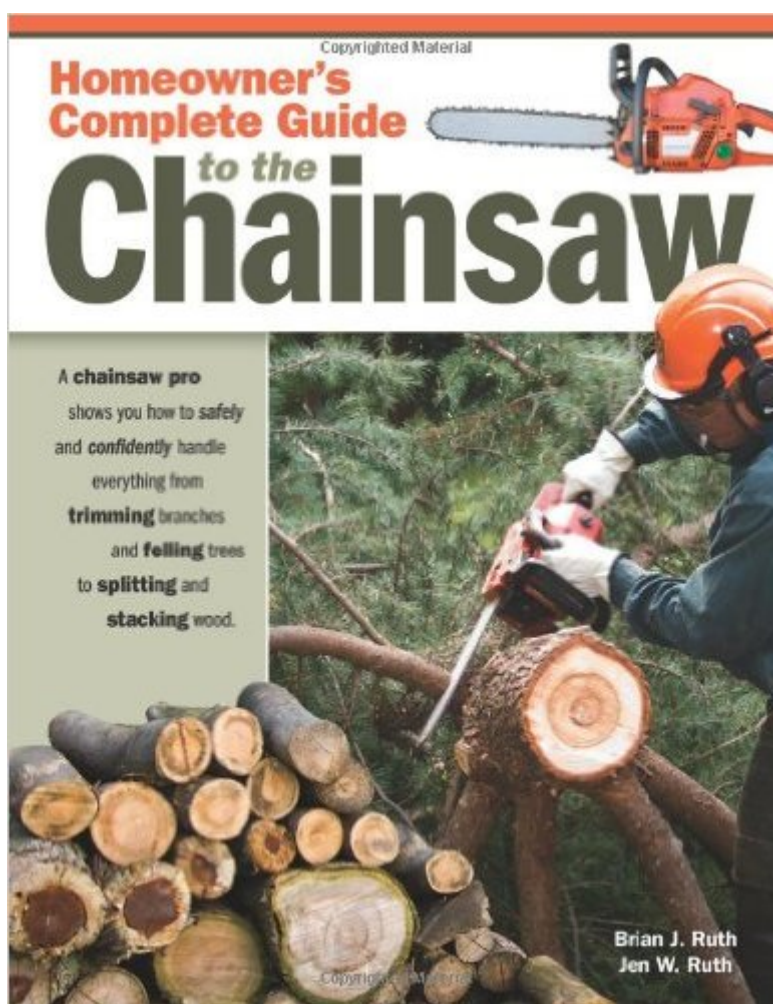


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# Homeowner's Complete Guide To The Chainsaw: A Chainsaw Pro Shows You How To Safely And Confidently Handle Everything From Trimming Branches And Felling Trees To Splitting And Stacking Wood





## Synopsis

Taking the fear out of chainsaws by emphasizing safe handling practices, this resource aims to put raw power in the hands of everyday yardworkers. With step-by-step color photographs throughout, 12 of the most common household chainsaw operations--such as cutting firewood, taking down small trees, trimming branches, grooming hedges, and making lumber--are tackled with expert advice and sure-handed guidance. With an additional section devoted to chainsaw types, potential buyers can also assess which size and type of chainsaw best meets their needs. Also included is an appendix that has useful technical information and identifies the parts of a chainsaw and how each functions.

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This is an exceptionally and colossally well illustrated book! In fact, it is likely the best illustrated book I have ever seen. Anyone who needs a picture to understand what's being said, will find this the book of their dreams. I highly recommend this book. I bought 4 books covering this topic on .com and have found this one to the TOPS!Go for it. You will not be disappointed.

if you have or are buying a chainsaw which you intend to use,then you should own this book. read the book cover to cover before you even take the saw out of the packaging. by the time you finish reading you will be able to handle that saw with confidence and safety in mind. it covers everything

you need to know about using and maintaining a chainsaw with safety as the number one priority. big,clear,color pictures and step by step instructions make learning and maintenance easy. plus, you can tell this guy just loves what hes doing,which makes for easy reading. buy this book as your first and most important safety measure....knowledge is the key to safety.

This book provides an excellent overview of how to choose, maintain and utilize a chainsaw in a safe and responsible manner. I was a little skeptical initially, because I wondered if it was primarily a safety manual that avoided semi-professional advice. Since the focus is on a potentially very dangerous piece of outdoor power equipment I wondered if the book was directed solely at the newbie user, which I am not. Despite my initial misgivings, I consider consistent responsible use and safety my top priority and further advice, pictures and suggestions are very welcome. This is a great book. I have read through some other books and guides on chainsaw use, and this is the best one I've seen. If you are new to using a chainsaw, this is essential reading. If you have been using a chainsaw for a while, but do not consider yourself an expert at felling larger trees (or perhaps even if you do) - this book has some great instructions and photographs regarding proper use of equipment (including wedges, pull cables, etc). The chainsaw care instructions are very useful too. While the text instructions provide a great narrative, the best part of this book are its extremely well done photos. In many cases the photos are step-by-step, bright, clear and just very well done. They are also fairly generic and applicable to most brands. This author even talks briefly about a few other types of related equipment (like pole saws), but the focus here is squarely on chainsaws - so do not expect other outdoor cutting equipment to get the same lavish treatment. I have heard others, including at least one dealer, be downright irresponsible in their cutting advice. Always err on the side of safety and never think using a chainsaw is about trying to look like a tough guy, ignoring critical steps or skirting safety measures. This book covers most of the bases very well, in an extremely digestible manner. Very highly recommended.

Excellent written modern book with descriptive photos. Many practical chapters that the homeowner would encounter as a chainsaw project from felling small trees on up to a mammoth one. Author emphasizes safety from chapter one and the need PPE one should have. The book describes the elemental concepts from safely starting the saw and how to handle it and create safe cuts. Book also contains chain saw maintenance. Also the book is published on quality paper and excellently bound. I highly recommend buying this book for the novice through advanced user. One tip gained is worth the price of the book itself.

I have been using chainsaws for over 40 years. I knew most of what was in this book, but if I had had it 40 years ago, I would have saved myself a lot of grief learning things the hard way. I still don't notch the trunk to direct tree fall. I make one cut in the desired direction of fall about 1/3 of the way through, then I fasten a rope above the cut as high as I can get it and use a come-along to apply positive pressure in the desired direction of fall then cut through from the opposite side, eight inches to a foot above the first cut. Most of the stuff I cut have trunks less than a foot and a half in diameter. I will try the notch system if I ever have to cut anything larger. I would highly recommend this book to the novice and experienced (reaffirm what you are doing, and maybe learn a trick or two, I know I did).

I bought this book and a Worx 16" electric chainsaw plus two 10/3 100 foot SJTW Yellow Jacket (Coleman) extension cords. All from . Two easy tree's and one dangerous fallen tree later, I feel ready to tackle tougher projects. The book was necessary and USEFUL to learn how to use a chainsaw if you don't know how. I made two mistakes, the first one was free, the second pinched the chainsaw bar. I was able to pry the logs apart and extricate the chainsaw which only needed retensioning according to the owners manual (lift the chain up, more than xx.x space ? retension it). I looked up what I was doing in the book and sure enough I did it backwards. Every time I followed his instructions everything worked out fine ; fallen tree limbing, log supported at both ends, heavy log supported only at one end, cutting broken tree above my head, using a peavy (found one in the forest lol) and cutting a log laying on the ground into firewood pieces. I had never used or been around an active chainsaw before. I read the book cover to cover twice before I set out. The safety gear admonitions were sober and clear; I wore a helmet when anything was over my head, eye protection, welding gloves and steel toes, skipped the chaps for now...if I try dropping a big tree with felling wedges I may go get chaps too; everything else he said was accurate and I'd hate to prove him right about them. Later that year ...I see why the chaps now. You wear your work jeans right through the material on the tops of your thighs when you work with logs and wood all day. Chaps would save the pants.

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