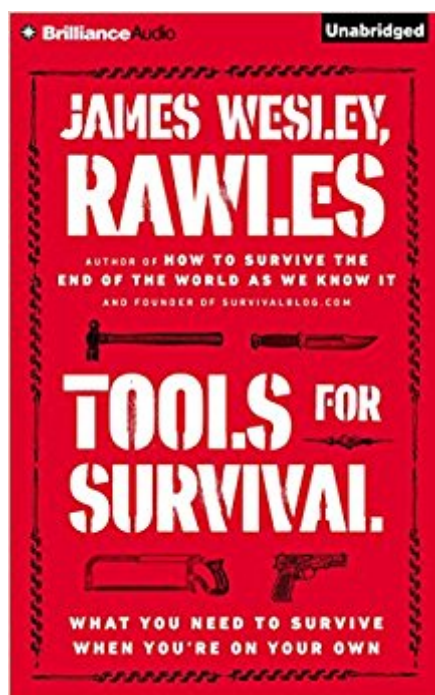


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# Tools For Survival: What You Need To Survive When You're On Your Own



## Synopsis

In his earlier bestselling nonfiction book, *How to Survive the End of the World as We Know It*, James Wesley, Rawles, outlined the foundations for survivalist living. Now, he details the tools needed to survive anything from a short-term disruption to a long-term, grid-down scenario. Rawles covers tools for every aspect of self sufficient living, including: • Food Preservation and Cooking • Welding and Blacksmithing • Timber, Firewood, and Lumber • Firefighting Field-tested and comprehensive, *Tools for Survival* is certain to become a must-have reference for the burgeoning survivalist/prepper movement.

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Survivalist expert and former US Army Intelligence officer James Wesley, Rawles is a well-known survival lecturer and author. Rawles is the editor of *SurvivalBlog.com* — the nation’s most popular blog on family preparedness. He lives in an undisclosed location west of the Rockies and is the author of the bestselling novels *Founders*, *Survivors*, and *Patriots* as well as a nonfiction survival guide, *How to Survive the End of the World as We Know It*.

I've read Mr. Rawles' previous writings but this one was slightly disappointing to me. I made notes as I read it, and there are things I intend to investigate further and there are products I intend to purchase as part of my prepping plan, but there are sections of the book where he was clearly laboring to fill the pages with words, more particularly those concerning weapons. It was wise of him to use the input of some trusted bloggers on several subjects. All things considered, I found some useful information in this book but it was not up to his prior standards.

If you read Rawle'sm blog, you've pretty well read this

It's a good beginner book but It is heavily reliant on maintaining electric and gas power and factory made tools. I think it would be good for a transition book into the hand and steam and animal powered tools that long term survival and prosperity would require. Getting books and tools to make clothes tools, medicine, weapons and everything you cannot buy in a grid down scenario would be a better way to go. I suggest starting with the book Surviving Off Off grid by Michael Bunker.

Not the best book !

I was hoping that the book would have more detail and specifics, but it really just has a lot of opinion and not as much actual information as you would think it would. There are chapters that only give a few items and why they are important. I think you would be better off just reading through the blog for free and not spending the money on this book.

As a big fan of Mr. Rawles other non-fiction and fiction works, I was disappointed that this latest book did not measure up to his previous standards. Much of the book is copied and pasted articles that readers have submitted to his blog. Whole chapters were mostly comprised of this recycled content. Much of the book simply referenced online resources by way of shortened URLs. One of the reasons I purchased the book was to have a hard copy reference book, but with so much of the important content sitting behind generic URLs, this was not the result. I feel the book could have benefitted from another round of editing, where the blog-reader-submitted content was better incorporated into the author's style and typographic errors found and fixed. The topics of the chapters were good, and did present ideas that I had not considered. One of the unfortunate side effects of mentioning specific gear is that it makes that item exceedingly, and suddenly, very scare.

As an example, there is a specific model industrial sewing machine mentioned in one of the articles/chapters. A quick search on auction sites for that particular model returns very few results, and the ones that are shown are outrageously priced. Perhaps not the book's fault directly, but the situation is certainly being affected by the book's wide distribution. While the book did contain some photos, they were generally not very helpful. There were photos of many common items, such as a claw hammer, but some of the more obscure tools mentioned were not pictured. Those would have been much more useful. Many appeared somewhat washed out, likely a result of the printing process and choice of an extremely light weight, non-coated paper. I am a gentle reader, but some of the tissue-paper-thin pages tore. In this case, the quality of the printing and paper does affect long-term usefulness of the book, which is why I have considered it in this review.

Must read. Excellent information. I learned a lot. Mr. Rawles knows what it takes to survive.

Great book to truly understand what is needed for long term survival and sustainability

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