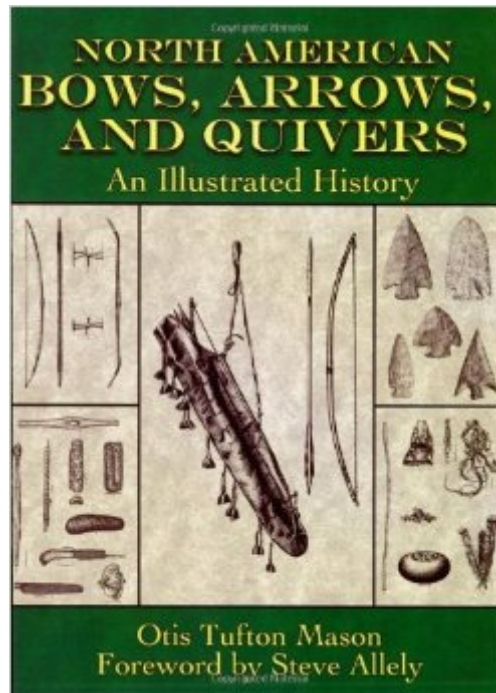


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# North American Bows, Arrows, And Quivers: An Illustrated History



## Synopsis

Otis Tufton Mason, the founder of the Anthropologist Society of Washington, details the history of the archery tools used by the native peoples throughout the North American continent. Hundreds of precise line drawings showcase the many varieties of bows, arrows, and quivers they crafted, and beautifully rendered images display tools and materials. Sketched diagrams demonstrate exactly how the arrowpoints were mounted and the bows assembled. Nearly all the illustrations are accompanied by an explanatory page of authoritative information, and Mason's writing reveals his deep appreciation and admiration of the work he's presenting and the people who created it.

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I bought this book more as a curiosity, my archery interests are Asian bows, but the more I read the more captivated I became. The line drawings are of immense interest to anyone making their own arrows, bows, or quivers. I gained a new appreciation for the artistry and technical expertise Native Peoples had including the first compound bows. I gave a copy of this book to a Kootenai Indian friend of mine to get him back to making his Tribe's horn bow and some arrows. If you like so-called "primitive archery" then you will like enjoy this book for years.

There are a few pictures of interest, but Mr. Mason does not reveal much detail that is needed to duplicate the craft. Much information about materials and methods are needed to duplicate the native American craft. I am still looking for the information about what wood I can use from my 5

acres, but I don't have time enough left to duplicate the native art by trial and error.

Well let me preface that I absolutely looove primitive archery. Honestly I wish this book was longer and had colored pictures, but in the words of an excellent band "You can't always get what you want" :) . I understand such a novel would be much more expensive if that were the case but I think this is a great piece. I read this to help make a primitive bow of the style of the natives which lived in my region (the Pacific Northwest) and I wish it had more on the region. This book was short and sweet, I'll be honest I was captivated during the entire reading and I learned some very interesting things about archery that I had not previously explored. So even if I wish I got a little more bang for my book I cannot cut off a star because it is a very interesting read. Oh and if you like Alaskan stuff this is the book for you, seems like the writer was obsessed about them or something\*\* If anyone knows any in-depth research or really great novels about the Bows of the Pacific Northwest I would absolutely appreciate a message or comment on these works, even just a great book on the Tribes or more generally on the Pacific Northwest that would be awesome! Have a great one! Nic out

Very pleased this important reference work is back in print. Well-produced book in larger format than I had expected, excellent paper, easy to use & very informative. Authoritative for bows & arrows west of Mississippi River & Arctic regions.

Very detailed book about Amerindian bows and arrows. Very interesting information about bow designs. And inspiring for building new bows!!!

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