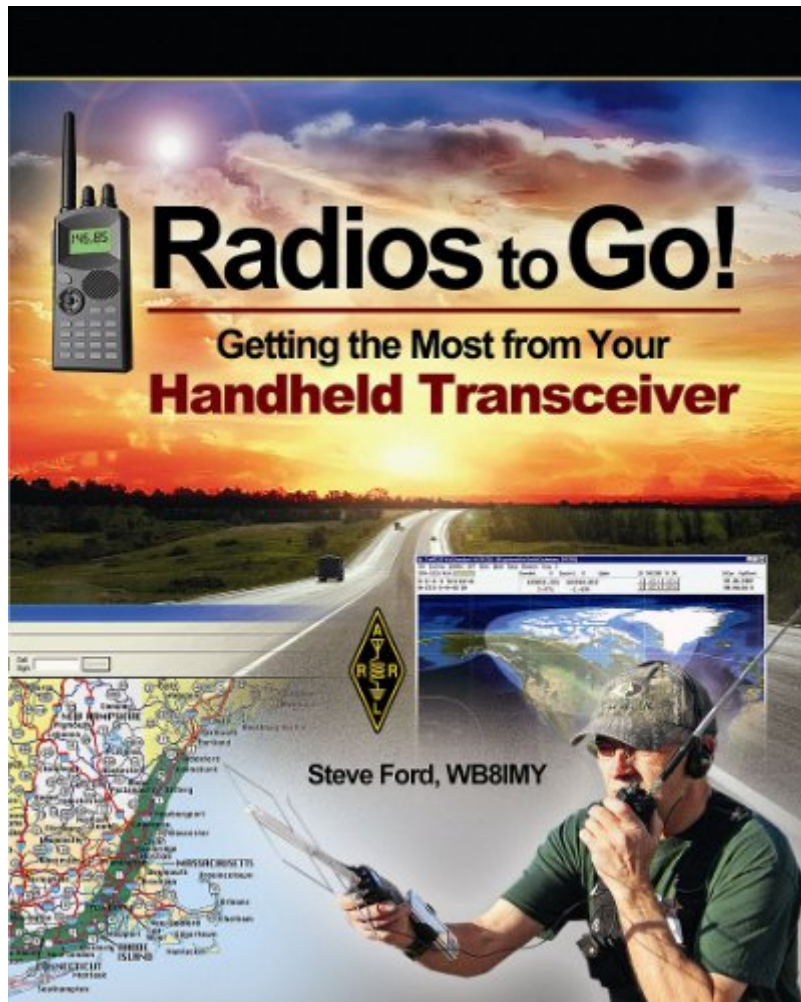


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# Radios To Go!



## Synopsis

Getting the Most from Your Handheld Transceiver Modern technology has allowed manufacturers to pack a wealth of features into handheld transceivers. With so many features, however, it isn't always easy to get the full benefit from your investment. Even the user manuals don't tell the whole story. Your radio may have "hidden" capabilities that aren't described in the manual at all. For example, did you know that a dual-band 2-meter/70 cm handheld transceiver can be used to communicate through Amateur Radio satellites? It's true, but you usually won't see this discussion in your average user manual. If you own a handheld transceiver, or if you're trying to decide which transceiver to buy, Radios to Go! is the essential guide. Helpful topics include: Why Are They Called HTs? (And Which One Should I Buy?) The Care and Feeding of Batteries Memories Scanning Alphabet Soup: CTCSS, DTMF and DCS IRLP and EchoLink Antennas Microphones and Headsets Software Management Expanding Your Horizons: APRS and Satellites About ARRL: Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim, ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is the national association for Amateur Radio in the US. Today, with more than 161,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. ARRL's mission is based on five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.

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## Customer Reviews

A thin book with material that could be helpful to the new ham. Easy to read, but not very deep. TOC: What are HTs?, Batteries, Memories, Scanning, CTCSS/DTMF/DCS, IRLP/Echolink, Antennas, Microphones/Headsets, Software Management, APRS/Satelites, and Bandplans. Cons: Coverage is restricted to the sorts of premium products you see advertised in ARRL pubs. Nothing about the wildly popular cheap Chinese radios like the Baofeng. Nothing about the free programming software CHIRP. Suggestion: Buy the book if you feel it might help. Use Internet search engines and youtube.com for tutorials -- there is lots of information out there. If you are considering buying an inexpensive HT, learn about counterfeit antennas and the problem of cheap programming cables. Alternatively buy from vendor BaoFeng Tech, rather than some of the other BaoFeng sellers. You pay a few bucks more, but you get quality, genuine goods that will eliminate lots of headaches. Website [www.miklor.com](http://www.miklor.com) is an absolutely invaluable resource for understanding and programming your inexpensive Chinese HT.

This book was something of a disappointment. While what was present was very good, it was more simplistic than I had expected. It was also surprisingly short. It has clear values and I do recommend it, but its shortcomings must be kept in mind. Fortunately, the price is not so high as to recommend against it.

Excellent book if your just getting into ham radio and you are looking for your first hand held radio or if you are looking for what you can do with hand held radios. One of the things It tells you about is how you can make contacts all over the world; just using your local repeater. As an example, I had 30 minute QSO with a ham operator just outside of London, England, and I was in a Las Vegas, NV, hotel lobby; using my brother's hand held radio, that I borrowed. It also helps you to lean how to use the Amateur radio satellite and to contact the ISS (International Space Station) using your hand held radio. If you are teaching a Technician Amateur Radio class or are in a beginning Han radio class, I highly recommend this book. It will not help you pass the FCC test. But, it will help to open up the world to you and get started in amateur radio in a simple way. 73WQ7G

As others have noted it's very short (and pricey for that). It also has a lot of information that is more related to ham radio in general. It doesn't really fill the gap left by product manuals, unfortunately. Clearly the author knows his subject, but it's hard to peg what readership this was intended for. It would be nice to focus on applications that are unique to HT radios, such as emergency/disaster situations. Your better bet is the ARRL Operating Manual, and just chew the rag with other hams about how to set up your handheld. I would like to see the volume rewritten, with a little more substance. Oh well...

Good info for those new to two way radio, and always something for the experienced operator to learn. Well written, easy to follow, has been handed around to several family members with good comments.

If you just received your Amateur Radio license or purchased your first HT Transceiver, you need this book. Probably considered by many to be too "Basic", this book provides information that an Owner's manual for any HT does not cover. Save yourself from getting a new HT VHF-UHF Transceiver and then becoming frustrated in trying to learn and program it. Also learn about more ways to use it besides your local repeater. With your radio manual and this book you will be learning the basics of radio operation.

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Great book for new and old hams who uses HT's

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