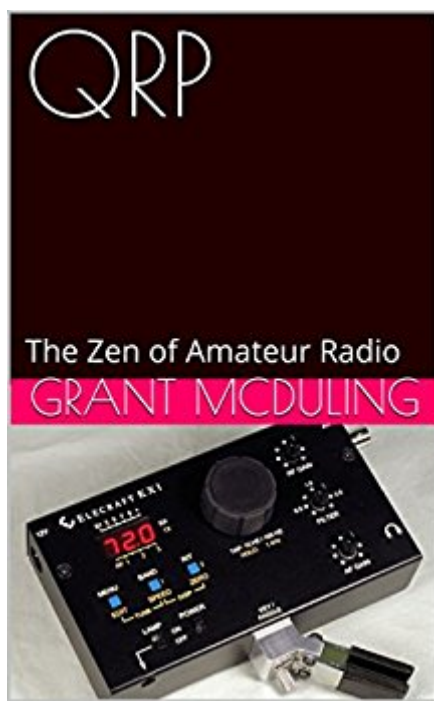


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# QRP: The Zen Of Amateur Radio



## Synopsis

Discover the joy of low power amateur radio, what it entails and how you can join in on the fun.

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## Customer Reviews

This was a good introduction to QRP - low power ham radio. It was a thorough introduction - defining QRP - operating low power at 5 watts or less. There are chapters on building a station, portable operation, building radios (and other gear) from scratch, and building from kits. For someone with a casual interest, this is a good teaser. My only complaint is that the author appeared to favor a certain manufacturer over others. Regardless, this is an good introduction to a fascinating area of amateur radio.

The book started out a little slow and I was afraid that he may not get around to QRP. My concern was unfounded however and a complete view of the life of a QRPer was presented. Even some QRPP thrown in. I loved it, and it is a recommendable book for anyone not yet involved in chasing miles-per-watt instead of DX only. The leading chapters were actually aimed I think at telling the general ham radio story to those who might be clueless, so overall it is a great work. QRPP had been

an obsession of mine for nearly four decades now but I still get a thrill when I make a contact that is over a thousand miles per watt. I recently had a contact with one of the stations participating in the annual celebration of the original 13 colonies. What a surprise when I did the math and found out that my MPW was 1776!!

This is a very interesting guide to the QRP world. While most HAM operators are quite at home with base rigs with over 50 watts input to the final stages, and working DX using hundreds of watts, or even a kilowatt, there are some who can finesse low power contacts using five watts or less. This guide generally points the reader in the right direction to equip himself with high quality QRP gear, and offers some rudimentary instruction in its use. When the balloon goes up, whether due to natural disaster, man-made havoc, or even a Zombie Apocalypse, QRP-hip HAMs will be on the front lines of communication where lightweight, versatile gear is a must. I got so pumped reading this little book that I'm looking forward to building a QRP transceiver and learning to use it.

I would recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in low power amateur radio. I enjoyed the way that the author explained most of the attributes of the low power hobby and advised the "newbie" on how to start and improve thereafter. It was written in a non technical manner that should really appeal people just starting the hobby.

'The Zen of Amateur Radio' provides an overall view of this aspect of Amateur Radio. It would provide an incentive for 'hams' wanting to get into this form of operation and a foundation of knowledge to get them going in the right direction.

Good coverage, lots of useful information for getting started in QRP.

I can recommend the book - informative and compelling - you will want to try QRP! I wish it were longer and meatier. It was over in half an hour... ^\_~

Great book to introduce QRP! Makes me want to try it - maybe even learn CW.

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