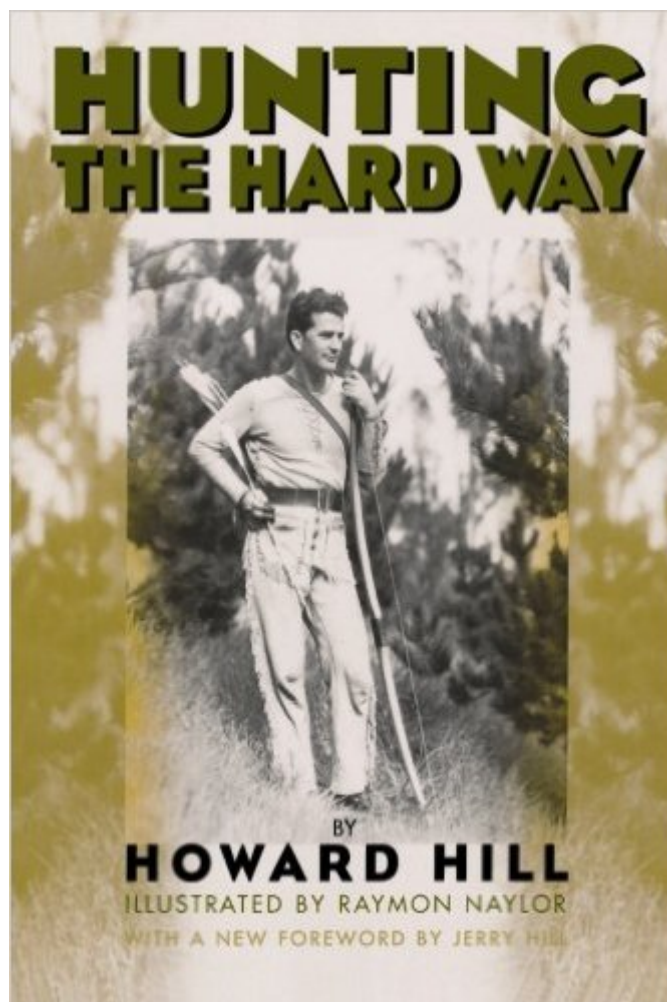


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# Hunting The Hard Way



## Synopsis

Archery conjures up many imagesâ•Robin Hood, the American West, wild safaris in Africa, and the simplicity of nature on a brisk October morning. Howard Hill brings to life all of these images with exciting stories about the thrill of the hunt, oneness with nature, and the adventure of the great outdoors. *Hunting the Hard Way*, considered by many to be the most sought-after archery title, is now back in print and full of the thrilling escapades of a bow and arrow purist.

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one of the best first person accounts of real bow hunting for any and all game on earth. detailed review of hunts, personal thoughts and technique in an easy to read format.excellent building details of the american long bow and equipment.a wealth of information on archery techniques as well as sportsmanship.

I received my book on a friday and read it cover to cover in two days. I loved it. Howard Hill was not only the greatest archer in the world, but an excellent story teller. He does everything from shooting a buffalo while riding a horse, to bowfishing under water and shooting a large shark. He even has a technical chapter on bowmaking, and his style of shooting. Any archer will enjoy reading this book.

This is a very enjoyable read, written from a mid-1900's sensibility and perspective. It does a wonderful job of both storytelling (Howard's various amazing exploits) and education (Howard's shooting and bowery techniques). I found the explanation of his method of "split-vision or

secondary aiming" to be particularly helpful. Only traditional archery enthusiasts would most likely be reading this book, so there probably isn't a need for a "reader beware" disclaimer. But I'm certain that there may be those of more genteel constitution who may find things in this book with which to take offense. Those individuals would be best served by looking elsewhere. I read this book on my Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 with the Kindle app. I found that the photo captions would not persist under the appropriate photos, but rather would shift over to the following photo. This made things confusing at first. Also, the photos either did not reproduce well electronically, or originally had poor resolution. For these two reasons, I docked the rating 1 star.

This is a wonderful book about a great archer. Reading this I get the feel of how America was in the earlier aspect of the 1900s; a bit more wild and free. The tales also give a sense of what an athlete this man was. Admittedly, I've admired Howard Hill since I first read about him in Boy's Life magazine when I was much younger. I bought a second copy of this book to share with my archer friends.

Howard Hill is the father of modern American bowhunting and traditional archery. Back in the 30s and 40s he was a movie star, too, featured in dozens of shorts, and acting and performing all the archery stunts in the great Errol Flynn version of "Robin Hood." In this volume Hill describes how he made bows and arrows and his methods of shooting, as well as several stories of hunting game around the world- including shooting sharks underwater with bow and arrow. It's been a favorite with archers and bowhunters for decades, and no doubt will be for many more.

I read it as a kid and, at age 8, saw Hill's movie 'Tembo', of an African safari. I recall him killing a bull elephant at long range with very long arrows. I have now looked it up and see that the arrows were 41" with 1100 grain, special broadheads. Afterwards, Hill, himself, came on stage doing fancy trick shooting. Anyway, stories from Hill's book stuck with me especially his hunting ground squirrels and cottontails in Southern Cal and, while on a moose hunting trip in Canada, shooting a swimming duck at 500 yards. He also has a chapter--if I can recall rightly--of shooting a Mexican deer with poisoned darts puffed from a blow gun. Last week, I saw an old movie trailer on TCM. There's Hill shooting hooked marlin off the stern of a cabin cruiser off Santa Catalina. Yeah, it was a little Hollywood-duded up but worth watching. Of course, Hill, himself, was Hollywood doing a lot of stunt shooting. He was a close friend of the stars including, especially, Errol Flynn, who wrote the forward. As a showman, and Hollywood showman to boot, Hill was a colorful man.

If you like Howard Hill or Howard Hill-style longbows, this book is a must. It includes different stories of his past hunts with the longbow, some of which seem incredible, especially considering the relative lack of vendors of traditional archery and bowhunting equipment compared to today's market. He also goes in detail on how to make your own traditional bowhunting equipment and how he shoots. I especially enjoyed his Florida bowhunting stories in Seminole country.

excellent book for the beginning archer, it gets you excited to get out and try archery

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