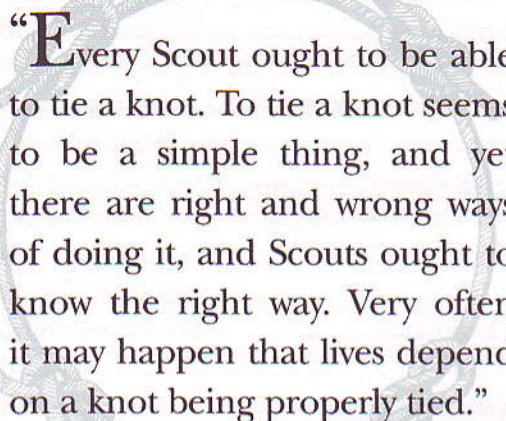


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“Every Scout ought to be able to tie a knot. To tie a knot seems to be a simple thing, and yet there are right and wrong ways of doing it, and Scouts ought to know the right way. Very often it may happen that lives depend on a knot being properly tied.”

B.-P. on Knots.

Through study of this book and constant practice with all types of ropes and under many conditions and with good instruction from experts, anyone can make themselves thoroughly competent in rope work.

For the sake of brevity, the selection of knots has been limited to those generally useful, and where there are several specialized methods of tying knots, we have selected the one that is most adaptable or that gives the best structural understanding.