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This classic original printed in 1923, tells the tale of the author and his friends who took up hunting deer with the bow and arrow in the late teen's and went on to harvest Cougar, Black Bear, Dall Sheep, Moose, Grizzly Bear, and Kodiak Bear with their basic handmade wooden bows and arrows. Dr. Pope informs you how to make your own tackle too. This treatise directly and indirectly inspired the thousands and now millions of sportsmen to take up hunting with the bow and arrow. It is regarded as the bible of modern bowhunting. This edition is the first paperback of this title in 26 years. This important title has not been available in any form for 7 years.

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Darren Chen says

Dr. Pope draws his readers into the romance of a bow hunter's world. His recount of his bow hunting experience is hard to believe in modern times but it is so enthralling, that it is hard to put down.

My only complaint about this book is that it is a little disjointed, because he talks about his interaction with one of the last Native Americans of his nation, then talks about the technical requirements and instructions for constructing one's own archery equipment, and then about his hunting experiences with a bow.

Nonetheless, this was a very enjoyable read. Most writers would enjoy his writing style.

Allen Brundin says

Great read

A little old fashioned but full of good stories of a much simpler time. I would recommend to any person involved in archery or anyone who wants to get involved.

E.W. says

I started reading this quite some time ago. Every now and then I'd pick it up and read another chapter. The first part of the book is the best, in which Pope discusses his relationship with Ishi and the knowledge Ishi passed on to him and others. A must read for any archer.

A-ron says

Easy to read treatise on the bow and arrow. The great value of this book is the additional information on Ishi. Saxton Pope was his doctor, and the two became friends. Ishi taught him quite a bit about his hunting methods, woodcraft, archery, bow making etc.... As a window onto California's past, this book is invaluable.

You can download it for free at Project Gutenberg. I highly recommend doing so if you are at all interested.

Exanimis says

In 1914, 49 year old Ishi, the last of the Yani tribe walked out of the woods near Oroville, California. Ishi was the last of his people and he was the last “Wild Indian” in America. Anthropologists throughout America wanted to learn as much as they could from this wild man and he was soon living and working (as a janitor) at the University of California, Berkeley. Having no immunities to most disease that we are used to, he spent much time in a nearby hospital where Saxton Pope was a teacher. Anyone who has ever learned of the hardships of Ishi's life can't help but remember this fascinating historical figure.

This book however, is not about Ishi although his teachings and skill are an important part of what you will read. This book is about what the title says “Hunting with the bow and arrow”. Saxton Pope learned to use a bow from Ishi and carried the love of bow hunting for the rest of his life. This book covers everything from making your first bow to killing your first Grizzly in a pleasant and easy to read style that keeps you reading and wanting more. You can and will learn secrets that you would have never thought of , secrets that before Ishi, had been so completely forgotten that Dr. Pope had to reintroduce the techniques to other Native American Tribes.

I am not a hunter, I have never used a bow but I have a great love of the outdoors and I loved every moment of this book. I feel like I have learned enough to supply food for myself and my family if the need arises. Along with the wealth of information I gained by reading Hunting with the bow and arrow, I feel that I have also stood witness to a wonderful adventure and lived through the excitement of the hunt.

Even though, once again, there are no diagrams or photos with the Kindle edition, Hunting with the Bow and Arrow will never be removed from my Kindle.

Richard Schwindt says

I suppose it is good when a book leaves you with a sense of longing. Ishi, the last of his tribe, wandered into the world of the west and made the best he could of his loss, becoming a minor celebrity. For him bow hunting was sacred, and a complex art. His doctor, Saxton Pope, took his experiences with Ishi and bow hunting and turned them into a classic work of the outdoors. It still reads well today, though the reader is acutely conscious of what vanishes in this world. You get a vision of an Indiana Jones kind of dude poking around the forest and mesa, wooden bow at the ready, after whatever he can bring down. Bow hunting can get quite weird and high techy these days but there is still a strong rump of purists with their recurves and long bows. You can't go as far as to say no animals were harmed in the writing of this book but they are at least portrayed in the context of their earlier role as game and food for human beings. Best read on the deck, looking into the middle distance, surrounded by undertrimmed bushes, drinking from a tin cup of hellishly strong coffee.
