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The Knot-Tying Bible

Colin Jarman
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Whether working on a hefty DIY project for the home, doing landscaping or yard work, or wandering the wilderness, Colin Jarman's *Knot-Tying Bible* (Firefly Books, 978-1-77085-209-9) has a knot for that.

Use the Swing Hitch to string a rope to a wooden or metal pole when building a child's swing set. It holds the swing securely, so you won't ever have to worry about your little ones hurting their behinds.

The Timber Hitch is perfect for dragging logs after cutting down a tree or hauling heavy sticks and branches during autumn yard cleanup or after a big storm. Tie the rope to the lumber with the Timber Hitch to relieve a ton of the weight from the load while you move the downed wood to a safer location.

When gardening, the Transom Knot can be used to tie poles together for fruit canes and bean poles. The perpendicular poles will allow the plants to spread out as they grow, for easier picking.

And there are some knots—like the Turk's Head and the Monkey's Fist—that are purely decorative, so practice them often to bring attention to your knot--tying prowess.

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