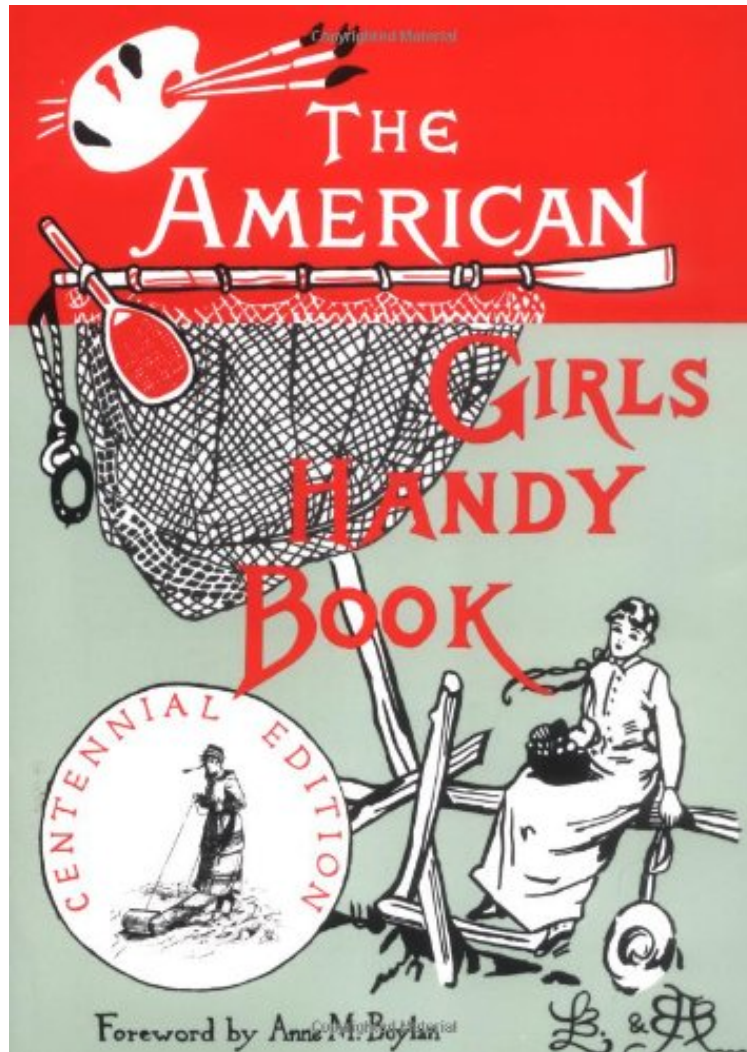


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you're a fan of the late 1800s, or period amusements; or would like to compare the very-different suggestions for girls with the suggestions for boys (from "The American Boys Handy Book"); or simply are curious about this "simpler time," you should enjoy this "Handy Book".3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A trip into the past that is timeless.By TorcThis book would be a great find for anyone wanting to either look back into the time of their grand parents or looking for ways to bring back enjoyment removed from the hustle of today's high tech society.The book is laid out by the seasons, making it easy to find ideas and projects desired. It also covers many of the major holidays of the year, the origins and history and what a young lady can do to have parties, decorate with hand made items, and entertain her friends for any occasion.Also provided are lessons on how to express herself in various art mediums such as painting, casting, scrap-booking and one of the most unusual lessons that surprised me, heraldry.The ideas and projects found within can and I believe should be used by parents as an excellent way to spent time with their daughters and ways to keep their children active through out the year. One chapter even provides instruction for a home gymnasium to keep fit. For adults wanting to provide gifts and special items for their daughters can learn to make many things such as corn husk and flower dolls that have brought delight and hours of enjoyment since their first creation by the hands of the American Indians.Overall I think this is a must have book for the education of any girl that will benefit her for the rest of her life.This book and it's companion, The American Boys Handy Book should grace the bookshelves of every home with children and a spare copy on hand for it will be worn out from much use.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful snapshot of another timeBy L. GusnerA wonderful snapshot of another time. A treasury of folklore, crafts, and games that is charmingly illustrated with pen and ink. I only read this as an adult, but was already familiar with similar books from my parents' generation (late 30s, early 40s).

If Tom Sawyer had been a girl, Aunt Polly would certainly have seen to it that she had a copy of this book and with a heartfelt blessing. Its a magical cornucopia of projects, devices, toys, gifts, dolls, recipes, decorations, perfumes, wax and clay modelling, oil and water-color painting and games, all with clear and practical directions for how to make and play them. Vintage Americana by the Beard sisters, two of the founders of Girl Scouting in the United States. "In the Beard sisters' version, 'the American girl' ranges in age from eight to eighteen. Healthy and spirited, she thinks nothing of taking a ten-mile 'romp' through woods and fields with a group of friends, and collects flowers and leaves for preservation or presentation to friends and relations. Above all, however, the Beards' girl is handy. She can make a hat rack, a screen, or a bookshelf; fashion a macrame hammock or a cornhusk doll; and draw, paint, sculpt, or decorate a room. The American Girls Handy Book, in short, by emphasizing what girls can do, presents a portrait of girlhood that is vigorous, active, and full of possibilities." - From the foreword by Anne M. Boylan