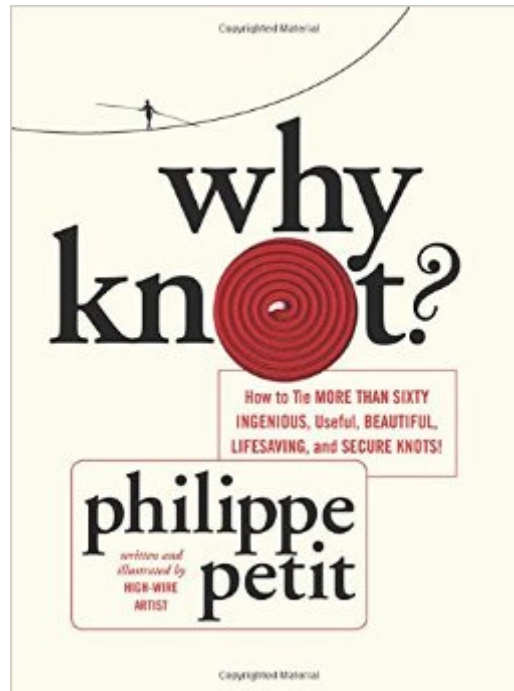


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Why Knot?: How To Tie More Than Sixty Ingenious, Useful, Beautiful, Lifesaving, And Secure Knots!



Synopsis

On August 7, 1974, Philippe Petit stepped out on a wire illegally rigged between the New York World Trade Center's twin towers, where he performed for nearly an hour. The death-defying event has been the subject of two major films, the documentary *Man on Wire* (2008) and *The Walk* (2015) starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt. During this history-making walk, and many others throughout his celebrated career, knots have always been indispensable components—the guardian angels protecting his life in the sky. After years of hands-on research, Philippe presents *Why Knot?*, a guide to tying his essential knots. Philippe's own practical sketches illustrate original methods and clear, clever tying instructions. Photographs in which special knots were used during spectacular high-wire walks, quirky knot trivia, personal anecdotes, helpful tips, magic tricks, and special tying challenges ensure that, if you're not already nuts for knots, Petit will transform you into a knot aficionado.

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I have several books on knot tying but this is by far the best of the bunch. Philippe Petit is exactly the kind of guy you'd want to teach you about tying knots. His life depends on choosing and tying the correct knot for the purpose at hand. The book is such a great resource. It discusses the terminology of knots and knot tying. Each knot is discussed in a very clear way that not only describes the purpose of the knot but the historical context of the knot. Illustrations are plentiful and well-done as

are the instructions. I also like the inclusion of many photos of Philippe "in action" during some of his famous tight-wire acts. The only negative comment I'll have about the book is that the font size is too small. Other than that, it's a superb book on learning about knots. A very entertaining and informative book. Highly recommended.

This is a super book for knots, that make the subject easy to learn and master quickly. I have a pretty good background with knots, so while I didn't learn too many new ones, the book is a joy to read, and was my go-to book for a couple of nights on the couch. Would highly recommend to anyone wanting to learn knots, and practice the skill.

For the price of a movie ticket, how could you not want to read the words and hear the voice of a man who has spent his life, both in theory and practice, in pursuit of perfection? In a world where so few are capable of doing for themselves anymore, this should be mandatory reading. A basic life skill that should be known by all, as told by a master. The book belongs in every library. It was written to be read and referred to. Keep it handy. You'll learn much more than you think.

I feel like my life could be greatly improved if I knew the right knot for a given task. Ok, maybe not greatly but it seems like something a man should know. With this book, I'm aiming to build that knowledge. The book is well researched (based on some crazy real experience) and I think Petit has succeeded in his goal to create a useful guide rather than a compendium of every possible knot. The writing is a little verbose and a bit opinionated, but it's easy to skim those sections and get to the good stuff.

Like a four year old, I am learning a new language, that of tying knots. Introduced to me by Philippe Petit's humorous and beautifully written/illustrated book titled *Why Knot?* I'm thrilled when my figure eight knot goes exactly as illustrated, though when tying the same knot from memory, the knot is reversed." *Keep Tying*" he says in the book. And so I move through these knotty challenges, to imagine standing on the dock's edge, sailing off on tallships with my new skill of knot tying. *Why Not?*

Great read. More than just a how to tie x. This book goes into the history and appreciation of the details of knots and knot tying. It also details the language used to describe knots. This demystifies the naming convention used to describe knots. Well written. Enjoyable.

an extraordinary book written by an extraordinary person. a beautifully charming story blended with a simple instructional about knots. as a sailor myself i found this book to be very helpful and recommend it to everyone out there!

I've always wanted to know how to tie more than a Granny Knot, in different situations. This book shows how to tie knots easily because of the clear illustrations. The red "O" in the front title of the book is a coil of cord to practice knot tying. This will be a good book to keep on the shelf as a reference.

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