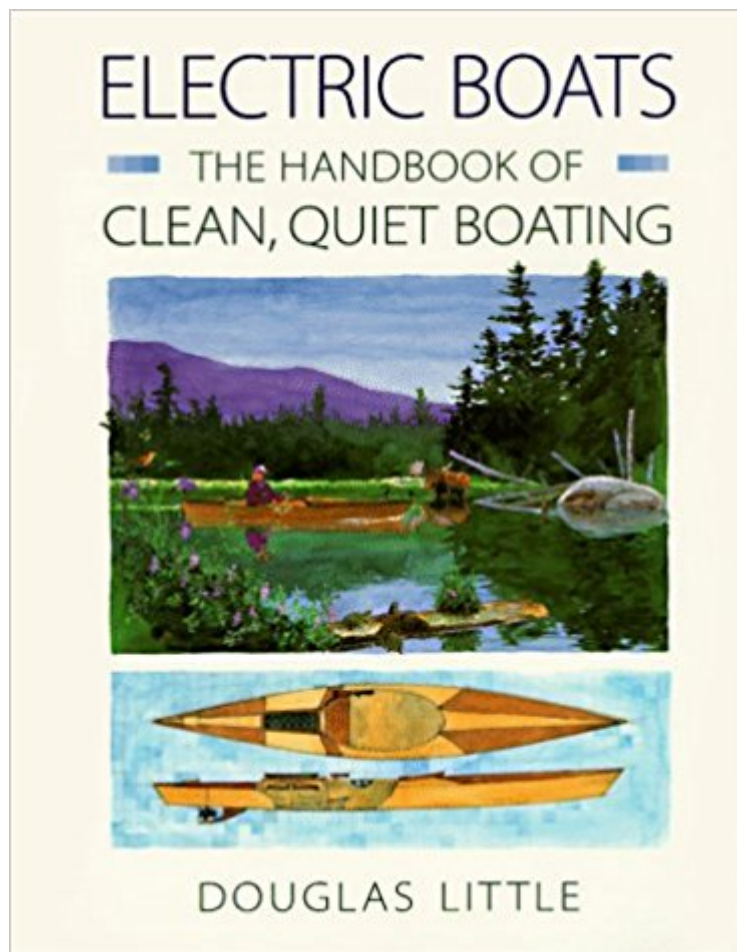




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"Ecologically responsible' boating strikes the waterways; theory, practice, suppliers; everything you need to know-and then some." -- WoodenBoat

The title probably should be in singular "Electric Boat," because that's really what the book is about. It's about building an electric propelled wood canoe from scratch, propelled by a modified trolling motor. There is a lot of valuable information in this book, but I'd have liked something more extensive, with setups for larger boats.

Good book

Service was fine and book was as described.

This book is an excellent primer on the joys of low impact boating but tends toward science fiction when discussing the physics of electric motors and the batteries that power them. Table 3-1, for example, is a good example of power calculations gone seriously wrong, and serves more to

disinform and confuse the reader than explain the true relationships between motor voltages, current draw and thrust. The author's discussion of the calculations in the tables exposes his lack of fundamental understanding even further. Enjoy the book for the nice pictures and descriptions of boats suitable for electric power, but go elsewhere if you wish to understand how the whole system works.

This is a great introduction to the technical and aesthetic aspects of choosing / outfitting / building a quiet, clean boat. I've used the information to put together two electric boats, and have been delighted with the head start on information in one place on battery capacity, battery care, motors, power consumption, propeller and hull performance, etc... As an experienced electrical engineer, I have found some technical weaknesses and typos, but overall, this is a great pioneering book that I hope has some worthy successors.

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After several years since its publication, Douglas Little's Handbook is still the best book of its kind. It is a great guide for anyone who wants to learn about electric boating and how to build one for very little money. Electric boats have been around for 150 years. They are reliable, good for the environment, fun and cheap. They don't spook the animals and birds as they pass. Douglas Little tells us how to get more out of boating with less energy and no pollution. Ken Matthews Executive Director Electric Boat Association of the Americas

This book covers all the aspects of clean powerful and very much needed electrically powered boats. It is well written and informative in all stages of building or if you are having someone else build it for you, it will help you find needed parts. In short it will leave you with a boat you will not only love, but others will envy.

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