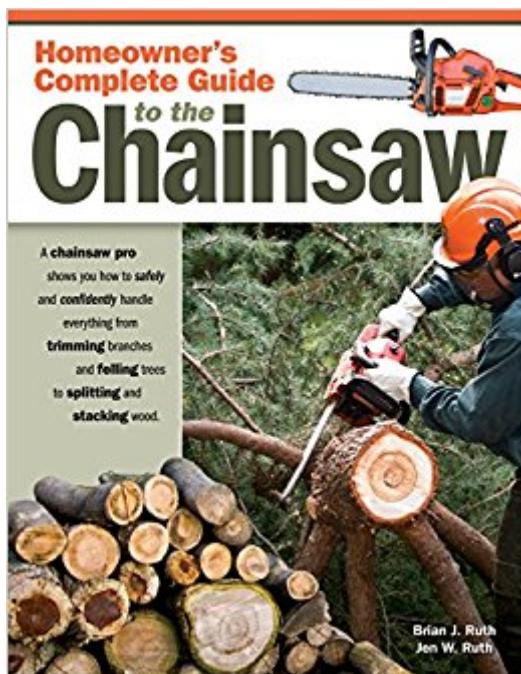


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# Homeowner's Complete Guide To The Chainsaw: A Chainsaw Pro Shows You How To Safely And Confidently Handle Everything From Trimming Branches And Felling Trees To Splitting And Stacking Wood



## **Synopsis**

Taking the fear out of chainsaws by emphasizing safe handling practices, this resource aims to put raw power in the hands of everyday yardworkers. With step-by-step color photographs throughout, 12 of the most common household chainsaw operations--such as cutting firewood, taking down small trees, trimming branches, grooming hedges, and making lumber--are tackled with expert advice and sure-handed guidance. With an additional section devoted to chainsaw types, potential buyers can also assess which size and type of chainsaw best meets their needs. Also included is an appendix that has useful technical information and identifies the parts of a chainsaw and how each functions.

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...lots of healthy attention given to safety. There are also excellent photos of the wrong ways to use the saw. Highly recommended. - Library JournalThe conversational tone and thorough illustrations clearly outline a step-by-step approach for many chainsaw-related-chores around the farm - even stacking firewood and milling lumber - with safety emphasized throughout. If you've never operated a chainsaw before or want to brush up on your operating skills, this book is worth adding to your library. - Hobby Farms MagazineHomeowner's Complete Guide to the Chainsaw, by Brian J. Ruth and Jen W. Ruth, is an instructional manual that shows readers how to safely and confidently handle trimming branches and felling trees to splitting and stacking wood. - Woodshop NewsAs an

operator of chain saws for 30 years, this is the most complete all-around book on the chain saw that I have read. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who has operated a chain saw or is thinking of operating a chain saw.- Mike Sullivan, 5-Time World Hot Saw Champion, Arborist, Logger, and Home Owner...one of the finest tool manuals that I have ever come across. So, if you are planning to cut down some trees or limb the branches with your chain saw, don't even pull that cord until you read this book.- Graham McCulloch, Shortcuts.ns.caEverything is illustrated and clearly written so you can see immediately what you should be doing. - Woodworking Plans and Projects Magazine

Front Flap copy: "For the first time, reading a chainsaw manual is a pleasure instead of a chore! Homeowner's Complete Guide to the Chainsaw, thoroughly researched and richly-illustrated, is a joy to read and shows how a chainsaw, used safely and sensibly, can be a pleasure to work with." - David Lee, author of Chainsaws: A History This is the manual that should have come with your chainsaw. Brian Ruth's been running a chainsaw for so long, he hardly remembers how he learned. But what if you didn't grow up with a chainsaw, or have someone teach you how to use it-what then? That's what this book is all about. The Homeowner's Complete Guide to the Chainsaw is the manual that you wish had been included with your chainsaw; the guidance over your shoulder that explains everything you need to know. It will help you understand how your chainsaw works and what happens when its chain contacts what you're cutting. It will introduce you to safety gear, and how to maintain your saw. It also will work you through various projects and the methods of using the saw to complete those projects. In the end, it will show you how to run your chainsaw effectively and, most important, safely. Back Flap copy: About the Authors Brian and Jen Ruth are internationally known for their performance chainsaw carving business, Masters of the Chainsaw, a group of top professional chainsaw sculptors dedicated to promoting and preserving the integrity of the art form and its performance. Brian, a former tree surgeon, graduated from Villanova University with a business degree and has been chainsaw carving for 28 years. In addition to winning many U.S. and World chainsaw-carving titles, Brian has carved a larger-than-life Holy Guard for the Shinto-Buddhist Temple in Toei, Japan, an 18-foot-tall memorial in the birthplace of Helen Keller, and likenesses of popular TV personalities. Jen, who aptly met Brian at a chainsaw demonstration, has been chainsaw carving for the past decade. Previously the vice president of the United Chainsaw Carvers Guild, Jen handles the daily operations of Masters of the Chainsaw while also performing with Chainsaw Chix, the first international all-female performance art carving group, which she launched in 2006. You can learn more about Brian and Jen at their Web sites:

[www.mastersofthechainsaw.com](http://www.mastersofthechainsaw.com) and [www.chainsawchix.com](http://www.chainsawchix.com).

If you are new to chainsaws, this is a great investment (as well as more safety gear). Compare this to any medical cost (if you are lucky and survive) if you do not understand chainsaws, and this is a no-brainer. Chainsaw accidents are some of the more horrific and life changing or life ending accidents. Huge numbers happen every year in the US. Don't be a statistic. I'm pretty sure that many "experienced" chainsaw users who just learned on their own or from someone else and got lucky cutting trees would learn from this book and be safer. This is a great book. I'm new to chainsaws, and besides other online resources, I found this book very good. There are tons of photos, safety is explained well - including why and what could happen. This book is practical too, going over maintenance in detail, as well as going over various issues one might encounter. The authors are real professionals with great references, so this lends a lot of credibility to this book. They also give some example of when to "call a professional", even if you have the equipment and believe you have the skills. i.e. do not do something above your skills. **Ã¢â€¢** - Completely unusable, would demand a refund. **Ã¢â€¢** - Meets minimum viable product requirements. **Ã¢â€¢** - Achieves the results, but in a non-spectacular way. **Ã¢â€¢** - I like it. it is solid quality and works as advertised. **Ã¢â€¢** - I love it. It meets all of my expectations and is high quality.

This is a good and mostly thorough book that is informative and a pleasure to read. It does not cover everything, but most chainsaw related topics are covered, and it is more than adequate to get you outside and cutting wood safely. You do not have to be new to chainsaws to be new to chainsaw safety, and I recommend anyone who uses or wants to use a chainsaw read this book. After reading this book and watching Husqvarna and Stihl safety videos (along with many others, all available on Youtube.), I now realize using a chainsaw properly requires some knowledge and the forming of good habits. There are techniques that will help to keep you and others safe. Anyone can pick up a chainsaw and cut down a tree or saw up some firewood, but doing it with skill and safety is another matter. This book will explain how and why the most common chainsaw accidents occur, and how to avoid them. I have seen videos of what happens when the advice in this book is not heeded, and you do not want those things to happen to you. If you want to cut some trees or firewood, then at the very least, buy yourself this book, some good quality chainsaw chaps, a

hardhat / faceshield combo, and gloves.

I bought this book and a Worx 16" electric chainsaw plus two 10/3 100 foot SJTW Yellow Jacket (Coleman) extension cords. All from . Two easy tree's and one dangerous fallen tree later, I feel ready to tackle tougher projects. The book was necessary and USEFUL to learn how to use a chainsaw if you don't know how. I made two mistakes, the first one was free, the second pinched the chainsaw bar. I was able to pry the logs apart and extricate the chainsaw which only needed retensioning according to the owners manual (lift the chain up, more than xx.x space ? retension it). I looked up what I was doing in the book and sure enough I did it backwards. Every time I followed his instructions everything worked out fine ; fallen tree limbing, log supported at both ends, heavy log supported only at one end, cutting broken tree above my head, using a peavy (found one in the forest lol) and cutting a log laying on the ground into firewood pieces. I had never used or been around an active chainsaw before. I read the book cover to cover twice before I set out. The safety gear admonitions were sober and clear; I wore a helmet when anything was over my head, eye protection, welding gloves and steel toes, skipped the chaps for now...if I try dropping a big tree with felling wedges I may go get chaps too; everything else he said was accurate and I'd hate to prove him right about them. Later that year ...I see why the chaps now. You wear your work jeans right through the material on the tops of your thighs when you work with logs and wood all day. Chaps would save the pants.

This book provides an excellent overview of how to choose, maintain and utilize a chainsaw in a safe and responsible manner. I was a little skeptical initially, because I wondered if it was primarily a safety manual that avoided semi-professional advice. Since the focus is on a potentially very dangerous piece of outdoor power equipment I wondered if the book was directed solely at the newbie user, which I am not. Despite my initial misgivings, I consider consistent responsible use and safety my top priority and further advice, pictures and suggestions are very welcome. This is a great book. I have read through some other books and guides on chainsaw use, and this is the best one I've seen. If you are new to using a chainsaw, this is essential reading. If you have been using a chainsaw for a while, but do not consider yourself an expert at felling larger trees (or perhaps even if you do) - this book has some great instructions and photographs regarding proper use of equipment (including wedges, pull cables, etc). The chainsaw care instructions are very useful too. While the text instructions provide a great narrative, the best part of this book are its extremely well done photos. In many cases the photos are step-by-step, bright, clear and just very well done. They are

also fairly generic and applicable to most brands. This author even talks briefly about a few other types of related equipment (like pole saws), but the focus here is squarely on chainsaws - so do not expect other outdoor cutting equipment to get the same lavish treatment. I have heard others, including at least one dealer, be downright irresponsible in their cutting advice. Always err on the side of safety and never think using a chainsaw is about trying to look like a tough guy, ignoring critical steps or skirting safety measures. This book covers most of the bases very well, in an extremely digestible manner. Very highly recommended.

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