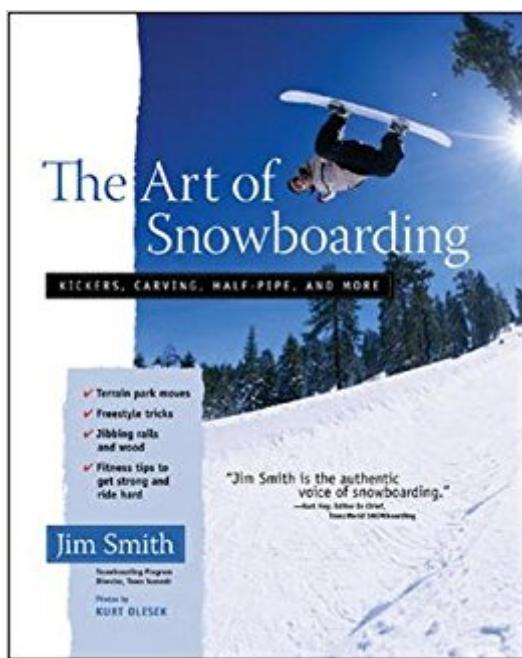


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# The Art Of Snowboarding: Kickers, Carving, Half-Pipe, And More



## Synopsis

"The premier guide to modern riding, from one of the sport's best coaches." --Tim Windell, two-time World Cup co-champion In The Art of Snowboarding, USSA-certified club coach Jim Smith introduces you to the most popular tricks and stunts, including kickers (jumps) and other freestyle and half-pipe techniques, and stunts on rails and wood. He gives special emphasis to proper stance and turning techniques as the basis for more advanced moves. Time-lapse photographs demonstrate every step of every trick and technique, and dozens of additional photos show you the form of some of the country's best riders.

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Let a snowboarding pro show you how to grab some air and get tricky on your board The Art of Snowboarding shows you everything you need to know about mastering jumps and lumber on the mountain or riding the rails and pipes of terrain parks. Writing for boarders of all ages, professional coach Jim Smith breaks it down with his "progressive snowboarding" teaching method, taking you from the fundamentals to more challenging tricks and giving you innovative ways to push the limits of your skills and create your own style on the slopes. A virtual slide show, this book is fully illustrated with stop-action photos that reveal each key stage of every trick, from the basic ollie to advanced kickers, rails, airs, and impressive half-pipe rides. With helpful tips on staying safe, choosing gear, and cross-training with skateboards in the off-season, you'll learn how to: Master the fundamentals of setup, stance, and turning Perfect your kicker skills for jumps small and large Conquer the rails of terrain parks Use felled trees and stumps to your advantage And ride any size

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Jim Smith is a professional snowboarding coach and the director of Team Summit Snowboarding in Summit County, Colorado. He has written for several snowboarding publications and his image has appeared in many snowboarding movies. He lives in Frisco, Colorado.

One of our granddaughters is into snowboarding and found this to be a big help. She went to snowboarding school and said that a lot of what they taught she'd already learned with this. Thanks for the great letting us be "great" grandparents who give super gifts.

This book gives great detailed images, tips and direction as well as motivation on kicking it up a notch on your board. I highly recommend it. Great gift.

If you want to just learn how to make turns with your board, this is not the book. A really short section quickly covers turning and then it's off to airs and jumps and half pipes. Not for the faint at heart.

But a bit to advanced for me. I'm on my second season and I was after a bit more basic stuff. I had a google and found some more basic tricks.

The author takes the time to go through snowboarding and its progressions as you learn various skills in snowboarding. Great experienced knowledge for beginners that you can only get from a veteren snowboarder. A great book for the begginner and intermediate snowboarder. The photos are excellent as well.

I worked as a freestyle snowboard coach at Copper Mountain, Colorado for Team Summit under Jim Smith from 2001-2004. Not only was it one of the best jobs I ever had, but Jim was a great boss and mentor. Under his leadership the team has produced several pro snowboarders. Jim is positive and breaks it down so you can understand how to master a skill. He has great working experience from years at Mt. Hood at Windell's to contests like Vans Tripple Crown and the Dew Tour. If you want to learn how to ride in any discipline read his book! Justin.

Limited information for beginners but still gives pretty information in general. If you just started and

plan to do trick later, this book will still help you now as well as later.

I thought this book provided a thoughtful explanation about how to improve your snowboarding techniques. Smith's easy-to-understand descriptions, and the accompanying photographs, provide the information you need to broaden your skills, and make you a better boarder.

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