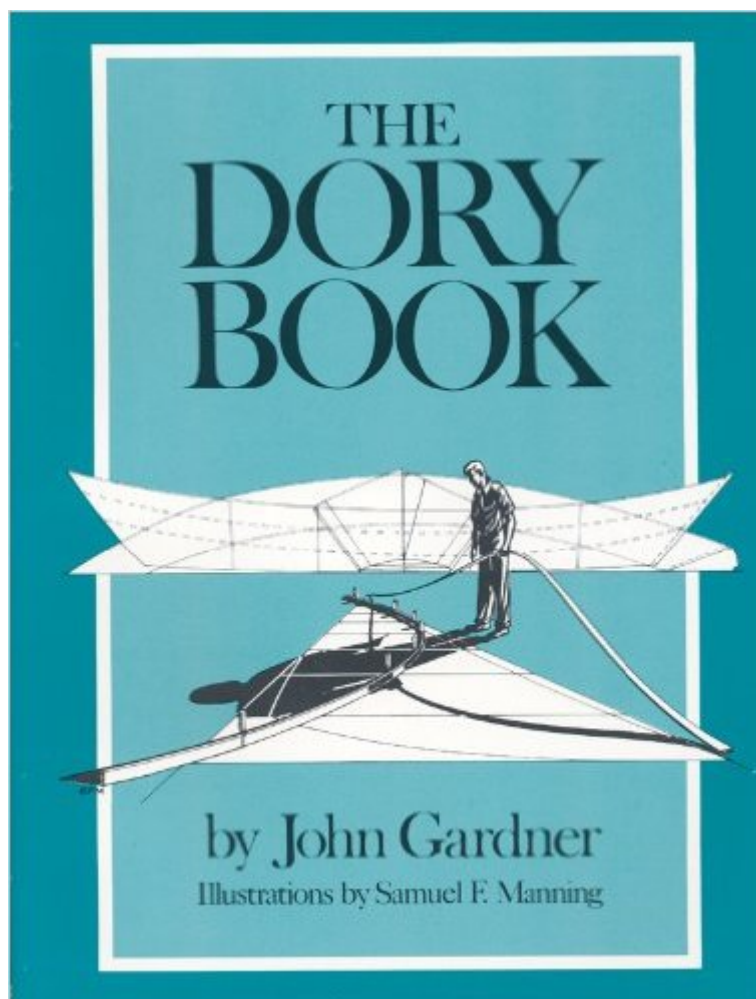


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# The Dory Book



## Synopsis

A comprehensive book about dories, their history and 23 designs with full construction details. Included are 153 illustrations, 23 plan sets, and index.

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I picked up a copy of THE DORY BOOK in 1993. I wanted to build a rowing/sailing craft that would be relatively stable in weather. I read Gardner's book cover to cover, decided that there was enough detailed information to guide a first-time boat builder through the construction of almost any of the boats described, and started building the Dion Swampscott dory in my basement that December. With the book open on my work bench, I slowly turned a pile of oak and northern white pine lumber into a 17' dory that has served me well in a variety of settings, from Lake Champlain to Penobscot Bay to the waters off Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. My only regret is that I never got to take John Gardner's boat building course at Mystic Seaport. The book will guide anyone with reasonable woodworking skills through the almost mystical experience of building a classic small craft. If you have any interest in boat building, this book belongs in your library, if not on your work bench.

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The Dory Book taught me a lot more than a hands on "course" for which I paid 900 canadian dollars... That said; John Gardner's books have the weight to stand up to their titles. Not only are they great reading, they feel good in your hands when you are reading them. Unlike many other books about boatbuilding which are more like infomercials to get you to buy plans, Gardner's books have everything you need to build a boat if you do have the skills to do basic woodworking. I read this book in a week and marked the boats I would like to build. Even if I don't, I know I have the knowledge needed right on my dreams bookcase.

Great book, packed with information. Having built dories I have a love, hate relationship with them. Yes they can be good but for most of us I think a general purpose skiff is a better boat (how many of us take small open boats into the North Atlantic). That aside, this book is extremely well written, packed with information, I read it over and over. It really is a great book, a classic

The Dory Book is an excellent book to introduce someone to the dory. This style boat has been widely used and has stood the test of time. The Dory Book by John Gardner has proven time and again to be worth its weight in gold from beginner to advanced boat builders. This book provides lines and tables of offset for more boats than you would think possible for this price.

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