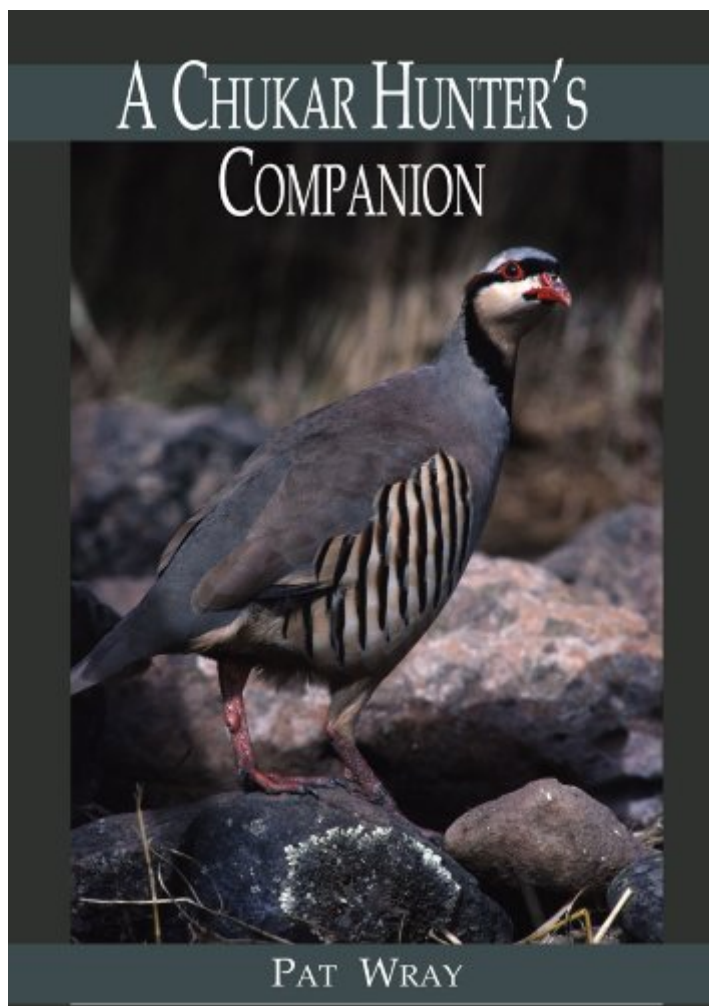


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A Chukar Hunter's Companion



Synopsis

A Chukar Hunter's Companion, by Pat Wray, lives up to its name. It's a companion you can count on for accurate information and fun. It's a friend who'll help get you ready for a successful hunting trip, then go along to help you enjoy it. Wray has been humor columnist for Game and Fish Publications columnist since 1989, and as his many readers will attest, he sees life just a little differently than other people do. Wray has the heart of a hunter, the gift of a writer and an unerring sense for the best way to tell a story or describe action. His ever-present humor sparkles throughout the text. This is not just a hunter's book; it is a reader's pleasure. Companion opens with well-researched information about the bird itself, its history and habitats, then launches into the book's underpinning, the how-to section. Wray takes you from physical conditioning through the gear you'll need, then into the hunt itself. The hunt section is a comprehensive look at the entire hunting process, from deciding on a hunt location to caring for your birds. Wray's 40 years of hunting experience are evident in every part of the book, the extensive section on dogs, including a chapter on hunting without dogs, the state-by-state hunting summary and a fine chapter of chukar recipes. Wray puts most of life into a chukar hunter's perspective. His essays, sprinkled lightly throughout the text, are funny, introspective, heartwarming and occasionally troubling. They are the spice on a wonderfully fulfilling reading experience.

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Customer Reviews

I don't usually review books, but I read a lot. I decided to comment here because I think a lot of people will miss this wonderful book because of the title. This is not a "how to book", though you might pick up a pointer or two. This is a book about relationships, beauty, and good old fashioned fun. You don't have to be a chukar hunter to enjoy this book. If you enjoy road trips in the West, if you have passions you want to share with your kids, or if you love a dog, you will enjoy this book. A lot of "outdoor writers" convey information pretty well. Their objective is to inform. In this book you get information as a by product of a literate and enjoyable read. I've had this book a short time but I've already reread parts and shared chapters with friends. This is now one of my gift books.

A must have for your bird hunters library.

Excellent Book.

Great book. Very valuable information.

Fun way to learn about Chukars

Enjoyed the book and would recommend it to anyone interested in Chukar hunting and info about the birds and their habits.

I really enjoyed this book. It felt really personal and in depth. I related a lot to his personal beliefs about hunting which made me reflect of how I was as a youth and now as a father. Pretty cool stuff to see your thoughts in a book written by someone else. Must be something about chukar hunters.

Really, he does. He finds human and animal life of largely equal value. Which makes you wonder how in the hell he ever brings himself to shoot a bird. Even setting aside the goofy philosophical section, this is the least good of the three chukar books (I rank Levy first, O'Toole a close second).

Self-indulgent writing (long sections about disagreements in Wray's family), repetition (we hear, oh, about a thousand times that chukar hunting is strenuous), hoarder/OCD lists of what to bring with you, highly dubious notions of how to get in shape for chukar hunting (did I mention chukar hunting is strenuous?). Less information on where to actually find the birds and how to hunt them than in the other two books on the same topic.

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