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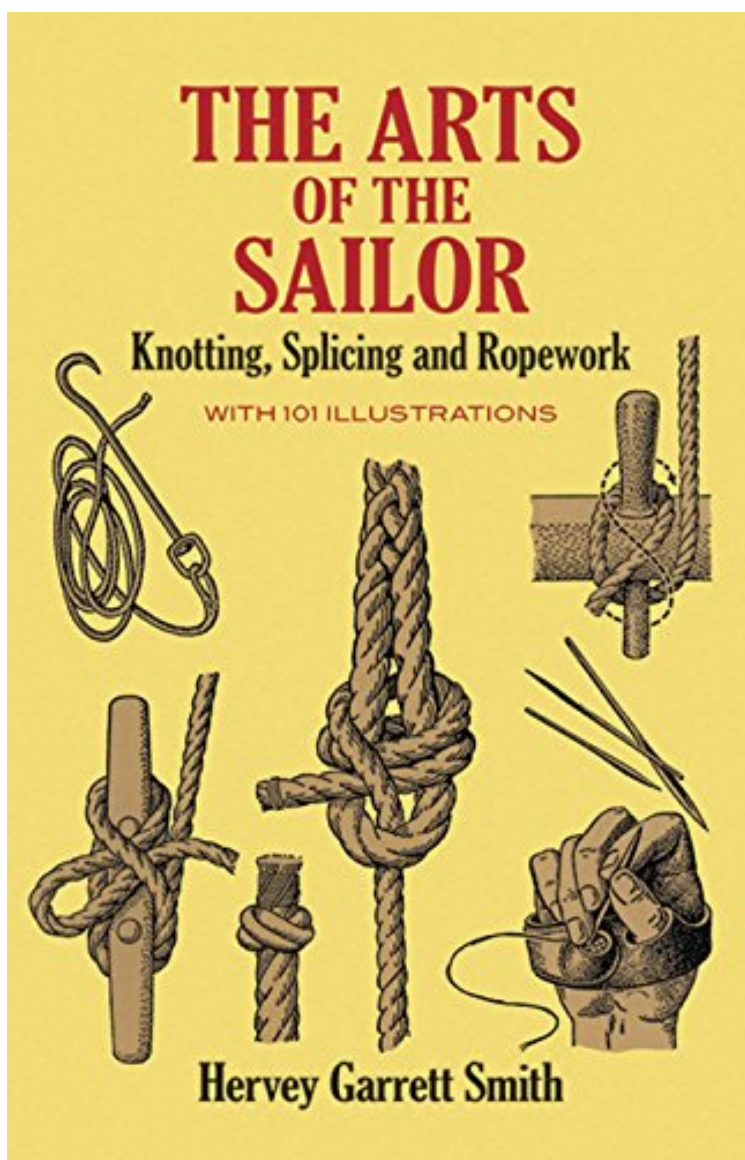
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Charlie This is another excellent piece by the late Hervey Garrett Smith. It's sort of a companion to "The Marlinspike Sailor" (ibid), though it is somewhat more expansive on many fundamental topics like knots, bends, whippings and seizings. There is a good bit of overlap between the two books, although this one is both more comprehensive and a smaller physical book (for your small onboard library...) "The Marlinspike Sailor" is more project oriented - and has excellent plans and diagrams for practical onboard ropework and sewing projects - while this book is focussed on the elements that go into such projects (without the actual examples). It's very traditional - as with all of Smith's period writing - with little or no reference to modern materials, but it's a posthumous reprint, so don't expect much updating... but the style is both informative and interesting without being dry or obtuse. "The Marlinspike Sailor" might actually be a better starting point for a true beginner (and it does contain a short update to 'modern' braided rope in the back), but I have them both and don't regret it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Traditional and Useful By SD Webgal Beautiful book. Clear drawings of marlinspike techniques. For a novice I feel it wasn't quite definitive enough, but a great book to have in our tall ship library, and in combination is a useful tool. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gifted a copy for my nephew By Dave Gordon So good, I bought a copy for my nephew, who is finishing up his Eagle Scout requirements. If you're the sort of person who appreciates traditional skills, this is worth having.

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