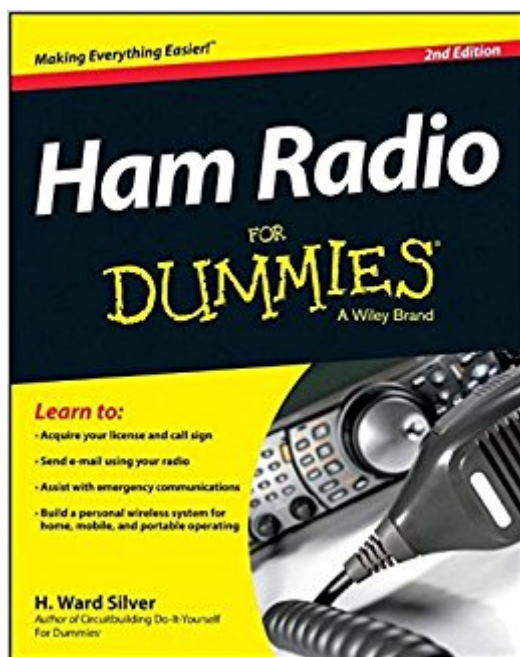


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# Ham Radio For Dummies



## Synopsis

An ideal first step for learning about ham radio Beyond operating wirelessly, today's ham radio operators can transmit data and pictures; use the Internet, laser, and microwave transmitters; and travel to places high and low to make contact. This hands-on beginner guide reflects the operational and technical changes to amateur radio over the past decade and provides you with updated licensing requirements and information, changes in digital communication (such as the Internet, social media, and GPS), and how to use e-mail via radio. Addresses the critical use of ham radio for replacing downed traditional communications during emergencies or natural disasters Provides updates to all documentation of the American Radio Relay League Explains recent changes to picking your own call sign Places a special emphasis on the major reasons people get into amateur radio: emergency communication, digital communication, and do-it-yourself science Looks at online mapping and charting of websites Whether you're just getting turned on to ham radio or already have your license, Ham Radio for Dummies, 2nd Edition helps you with the terminology, the technology, and the talknology.

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I'm always a bit suspicious of the "Dummies" and "Idiots" books, as many of them really short on information. But this book is really full of information about how to get started in ham radio. It is well organized and well written. One note: this has very little detail about how to pick out your first radio; plenty of general information, but it is not a product selection guide. But if you read it, you will realize, as the author recommends, that the best way to buy a radio is to make some friends in the ham radio community and get some help picking out equipment. But I can't recommend this book enough....really helpful.

Outstanding book, it explains everything but doesn't kill you with boring stuff. You learn everything you need to know but without feeling like a monotone university professor wrote it. Instead it was written by someone who can explain and teach what you need while keeping you engaged. A must get for beginners!!!

Used this book to help pass the Technicians Ham License but the best book to review is ARRL's Technician Exam book. This book has a more general outlook on becoming a ham.

Had to learn Ham Radio in one big hurry, so ordered and received this book....helped quite a bit.....

It's ok. Basic operations and information. You can get the same information from any ham website.

Just getting into it, but it has great basic information about Ham radio.

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