

What is the "Known World Handbook"?

*What is there to do in the SCA? How do I get started?
Where in the world do I get ALL of the ~stuff~ "they" have?*

Rest at ease. No one started with all of that "stuff". They accumulated it slowly as they traveled their path into the Current Middle Ages. Many of them started by reading an SCA publication called the **Known World Handbook**. This handbook explains how to do just about anything in the SCA including:

- Speak forsoothly
- Build a tent
- Make armor and fight
- Dance in the SCA with accompanying music
- Run a tournament list
- Survive as a youth in the SCA
- Make a simple T tunic
- Make a period costume from a modern pattern
- Autocrat an event
- Plan a feast
- Write a newsletter
- Understand calligraphy and illumination, herbalism, embroidery...

It also includes a history of the SCA, a Lexicon of common terms and information about where some of them were derived, and a list of books for your personal library. Just about anything people explore in these Modern Middle Ages is addressed within the pages of the **Known World Handbook**.

The **Known World Handbook** is available for sale on the www.sca.org web site at <https://secure.sca.org/cgi-bin/stockclerk/other.html>

But wait! Another expense?

Most of the Shires and Baronies have a copy of the **Known World Handbook** in their library that you can "borrow" by simply asking. This book is definitely a "must have" for the SCA enthusiast if only to know there is written support for those who are new and slowly building their SCA history.

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