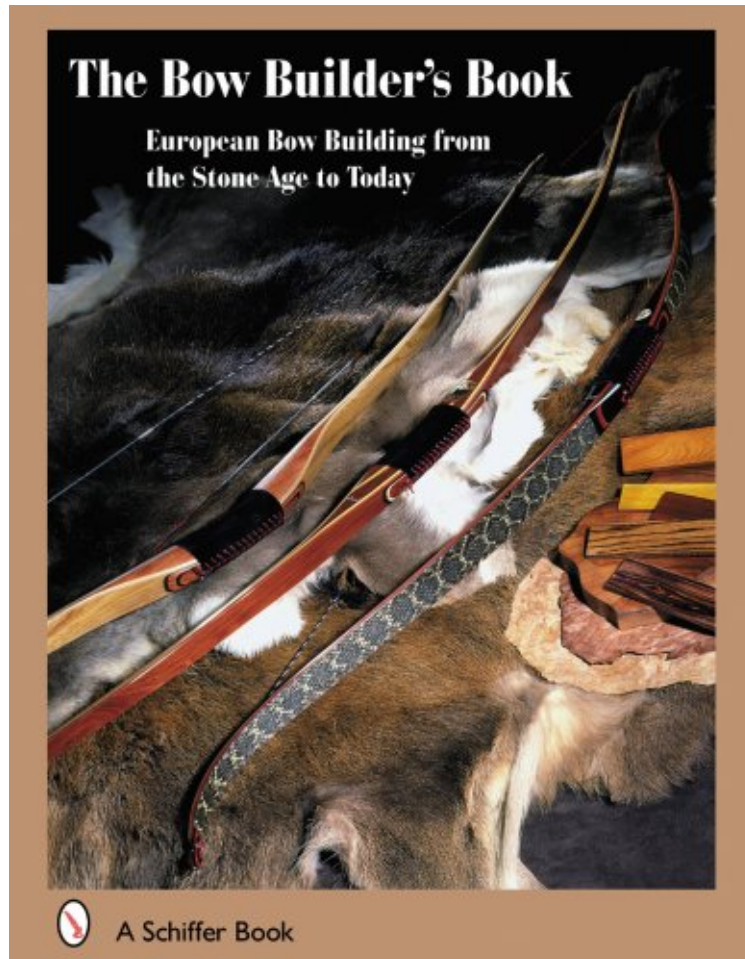


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About the Author The authors are bow builders and practical archaeologists with many years of experience perfecting bow building and researching the history of the bowyer.