

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



Steve Tague is a commercial photographer, dad and author. He has done extensive editorial and advertising work that has been seen in such publications as *House Beautiful*, *American Homestyle & Gardening*, *Family Circle*, *House & Garden* and *Architectural Digest*. He has worked as a cameraman and reporter in the Chopper 4 news helicopter for WNBC-TV in New York City, covering the news with Matt Lauer, Sue Simmons, Al Roker, Mary Civillo, and Jane Hansen.

Steve now lives in Bend, Oregon, with his two sons, Dakota, eight, and Max, seven. A hands-on dad, when the boys were babies Steve often wondered, “Why don’t these things come with instructions?!” He continues to raise his two boys, and his experience as a father is his greatest joy.



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