

# Camping in Style

*Your complete guide to holidaying well in a tent*

**Angela Armstrong and Stephen Rado**

No longer do you need to be a hardy experienced outdoors person to enjoy camping. The beauty of camping today is that you can escape the material world and enjoy a five-star natural location in comfort at low cost.

**CAMPING In Style** is an informative and fun guide to everything needed for a well-prepared, comfortable camping experience with family and friends that will appeal to those wanting to experience camping for the first time (but thought it would be too uncomfortable) as well as traditional outdoor enthusiasts.

The book gives you information that is right for your level of camping:

## **Style 1: Starting Out**

- Your starting point for holiday fun in the sun with family and friends, adventure getaways and romantic weekends.
- Save time and money getting it right from the start, buying only what you need.

## **Style 2: Continental Breakfast**

- Bed and breakfast wherever you go.
- Uncompromised comfort with your own quality gear.

## **Style 3: Outdoor Kitchen**

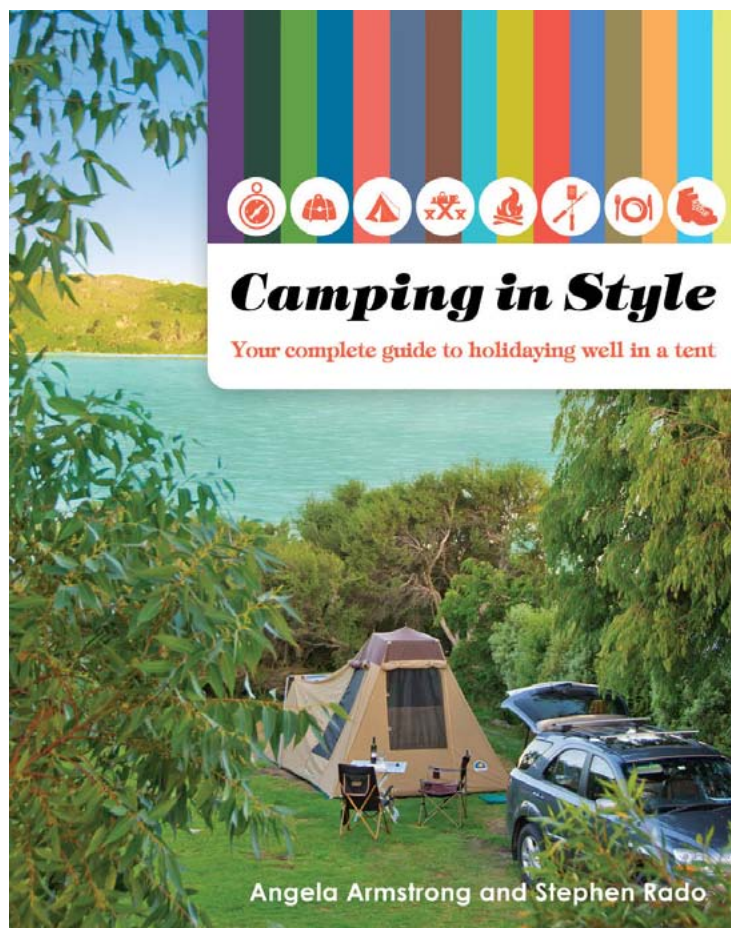
- Affordable long term holidays in Australia's top facilitated beach and tourist destinations.
- All you need for a fully functioning outdoor kitchen - plus great recipes for stylish dining.

## **Style 4: Totally Wild**

- Transform any natural oasis into your private resort, with quality gear that's stylish, functional, easy to set up and pack down.

**CAMPING In Style** tells you everything you need to:

- travel • set up • shelter • sleep • furnish • cook
- eat • live ... in comfort



## **The Authors:**

Steve is the king of the outdoor castle, six-time Antarctic expeditioner and foreign aid worker trained in outdoor pursuits with a lifetime of camping experience. When Steve met his soon-to-be wife, Angela — a 'city girl' and the queen bee of creature comforts — he needed to modify his ways to cater for her comfort. Together they developed a new way of camping fit for the most discerning of travellers: camping in style.

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## Angela: True love and camping

**It takes a lot to get a city girl camping**, and I was just that girl. Being young, new to Melbourne and keen to meet new people, I was open to new adventures. So when a group of experienced campers asked me to join them on a weeklong waterski trip, I didn't refuse.

The trip was **the start of my love affair with camping** and the chance to get to know my lifelong love, and now husband, Steve.

Through this group of campers consisting of a park ranger, scout leader and my husband – an expeditioner with the Australian Antarctic Division – **I've learnt what it means to camp in style** and have had many wonderful

experiences camping in deserts, rugged Alpine regions, coastal areas and inland waterways, enjoying state parks, national parks and tourist parks along the way.

Camping in style is all about living well, eating well and sleeping well in the outdoors, and showing a respect for the environment that brings you the joy and experiences in the first place. With this book, I hope to impart this knowledge to a whole new audience of campers so **YOU ALSO GET THE CHANCE TO FEEL THE FREEDOM** of distance from our material world – even for just a while.

## Steve: Hardcore to 'armchair' camper

When I first met my wife, I knew I'd need to graduate quickly from my smelly school-camp ways to something quite special, or I'd lose the opportunity forever.

First came the change to our roomy, fully-waterproof tent, the Taj, followed by the most comfortable bedding, the best cookware and bug-proof screening. All the while we have pared back to only the essentials, but only ever investing in the very best of everything. **The idea is about streamlining gear so it's easy to manage and a pleasure to use** – every time. My aim has always been to set up in such a way that tent camping is as comfortable and convenient as any other form of accommodation.

We've helped many new campers to learn the 'armchair' camping ways. We know we've got it together when even **the most 'prima donna' of our friends have tried it and been back for more**, year after year. Had they not seen the possibility of what they describe as 'five-star comfort', they may never have come along to begin with.

We'd like to share those tips with first-timers or anyone new to the idea of camping, so your experiences are only ever positive.

**EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE BEST AUSTRALIA HAS TO OFFER IN A FORM OF ACCOMMODATION THAT CAN EQUAL OTHER STYLES WHILE AT A FRACTION OF THE COST.**

