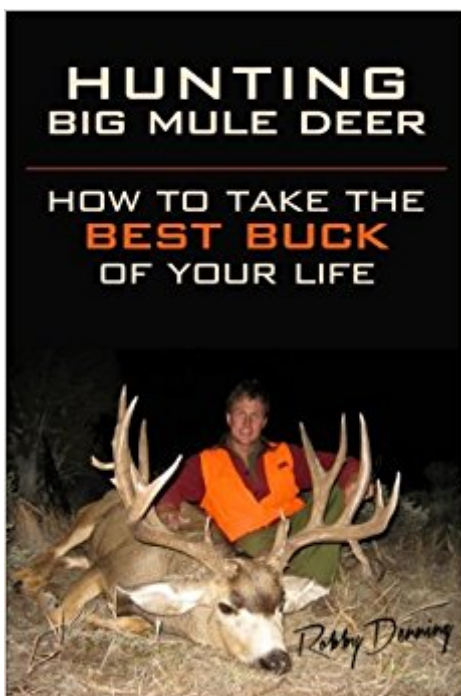


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Hunting Big Mule Deer: How To Take The Best Buck Of Your Life



Synopsis

With his boots on the ground and his eyes scanning rocky ridgelines across the West for more than 30 years, Robby Denning has more in-the-field trophy mule deer hunting experience than most. A humble student of nature, his understanding of the sport has been refined by trial and error, observation, and faithful persistence. Whether you're planning your first Western hunting adventure or you've already been bitten by the trophy mule deer bug, you will gain from this book an arsenal of proven tips and tactics, along with a renewed vigor to seek lonesome mountains in pursuit of the buck of a lifetime.

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Customer Reviews

Robby Denning grew up in a mule deer hunting family just outside the small town of Iona, Idaho. He started hunting mule deer in the late 1970s, missing only one season in 35 years. At the age of 25, he gave up the pursuit of all other big game animals to focus on taking the best mule deer bucks possible. He began hunting the West on a do-it-yourself budget, scouting and hunting mule deer for about 60 days each year. Robby loves the hunt as much as the kill and the entire process from research to scouting to hunting to processing his own venison. He's killed four bucks over 200 inches in the last 15 seasons, mostly on easily obtained tags, and dozens of other bucks between 170 and 190 inches. He owns and operates a public-land scouting service and a private-land outfitting business, and is co-owner of the online hunting site, Rokslide.com. Robby has scouted and hunted thousands of square miles of mule deer country across Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Nevada. To him, the weapon of choice is

just a means to an end; he will hunt with bow, rifle, or muzzleloader — whatever it takes to create an opportunity to take a great mule deer. He also writes for several national magazines and publishes weekly on his blog at Rokslide.com, which garnered 2 million hits in its first 12 months. Robby believes all of creation is from God for man to manage and respect, and through which to know its Creator.

This is a book that every deer hunter should read. It contains important, practical information that is rarely discussed in other mule deer hunting literature and helps to dispel a few popular myths. Before I go further, I have a disclaimer. The author is a friend of mine and my name even appears in the book a few times. That aside, I'll try to be as objective as possible with this review. The book is written in a tone and style that feels more like conversation over a cup of coffee than the archetypical how-to book. The first section introduces the author with childhood hunting stories and goes on to illustrate how he became the committed mule deer hunter he is today. I think most readers will appreciate the casual feel and find this book easy to read. Field judging, mental and physical preparation, tag research, gear, and strategies fill up the remaining pages. Most books cover these topics to some degree; where this book stands out is the practical approach taken to all of them. For example, the author doesn't advise some superhuman workout regimen or tell you the only way to take a good buck is by spending 10 days in a bivy in November living off of protein bars and chia seeds. The advice given throughout the book can be put to use by most people with some patience and motivation. That is not to say the book contains some magical, easy formula for hunting mule deer. Actually, it contains just the opposite; the author devotes a sizable portion to tried-and-true (but difficult-to-master) techniques that receive little mention in most of today's literature. If you were to read magazine articles and some (but not all) of the books written on mule deer, you would probably come away with the impression that merely buying an expensive set of optics and sitting on a vantage point will inevitably result in a notched tag. As the author explains, there several additional skills that hunters need to consistently take big mule deer, and he describes each in detail along with a story of how the technique has worked for him. As I said, this book is a very practical resource for mule deer hunters. That should come as no surprise if you know Robby Denning. He has hunted mule deer in several western states during all phases of the season for the last 30+ years. He has had a few "good" tags, but more often than not has been on OTC public land hunts. The author's perspective is about as close to the average guy as anything I've read, and readers will find the book easy to relate to in that aspect. His

experience is another matter, and you only have to casually flip through the photos to see he definitely qualified to write a book such as this. Robby Denning has killed some great mule deer. In the field, he implements the very same tactics he describes in *Hunting Big Mule Deer*. You can believe me on that because as I said, I've hunted with the guy. This is not a "state-specific" book and can be put to use all over the West. It doesn't contain a bunch of filler penned for the purpose of inflating an ego nor does it try to reinvent the wheel. Quite simply, this book provides an honest blueprint for finding, hunting, and killing big mule deer. That is not to say novice mule deer hunters won't find this book useful. All mule deer abide by the biology and habits described in this book, and techniques for big deer will put you within gun range of a lot of average-sized bucks as well. I strongly doubt that any hunter will feel this book is not worth the price or the time it takes to read.

Loved this book! I did a lot of the things in the book already, but not to the extent needed to kill a big mule deer. This year after reading the book I found my hunting style changed. I was taking way more thought to every action. I found myself watching the mule deer do things exactly as Robby said they would in this book. I literally felt like I learned secrets that only extreme hunters knew...End result! Shot the biggest buck of my life! 190 inch beautiful mule deer! Thank you Robby Denning for helping me kill the biggest buck of my life!

As an Eastern whitetail hunter dreaming of heading West I really enjoyed this book. Robby's stories of chasing big Mulies through the thick cover are very informative and entertaining. He lays out the different techniques he uses to consistently up his odds for success in the back country. I would recommend this book for anyone who does or wants to hunt Mule Deer.

A little way into this book so far and really enjoying it. very refreshing to read a book from a very successful individual who has their priorities straight and who appreciates what they have.

Great book on chasing wily, mature mule deer! I'd recommend this to any hunter, from beginner to pro. I love the fact that it was written by a Godly man that is proud to share The Word and to be a vessel for the Gospel. I plan on buying several copies to give as gifts.

One of the BEST books out there for the western hunter. Robby does a great job of explaining

crucial tactics and techniques for trophy mule deer hunting. This is a very inspiring book written by one of the best! A MUST have if you are a serious mule deer hunter!!

This is the best book I have read on hunting. I bought it on Kindle for my Ipad. Very detailed and everything that need / want to know about hunting Big Mule Deer. Very happy that I bought this book and recommend it to anyone serious about hunting, regardless of current skill set.

Great read; enjoy the author's humble writing style. Took away some tips on specific gear/camp setups and alternate ways of pursuing big mule deer besides the traditional spot & stalk.

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