

The Big Book of Secret Hiding Places

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If prostitution is the world's oldest profession, then [espionage is the second oldest](#). Humans have been keeping secrets even before recorded history, and for good reasons, since [not all truths need to be said](#). One class of techniques for safeguarding information is by concealment, so as to keep it out of the reach of those who intend to seize it.

Understanding the psychological dynamic of searches is integral if your goal is to stash away items that won't be discovered by a trained team. The purpose for which both "normal" and [secret police](#) may be acting upon, and in what context, predetermine their behavior while they ransack your home, car, or business. Since searches are more of a mind game than anything else, the most powerful tool they (and yourself) have is none other than the mind; the next most important tools are the hands and the eyes, for the tactile and visual cues provide the best clues. Smugglers use visualization techniques to prepare themselves for customs inspections given that it works and is very cost-effective.

Speaking of tools, the ones you'll need (besides the ones your mother gave you) are the kind that you'd find in just about any hardware store. Constructing hidden compartments requires hand tools, such as screwdrivers, hammers, and wrenches. Of course, the best fabricated hideaways are useless if the location for them is either obvious, too large, or susceptible to the elements. Even if you lack basic carpentry skills, don't fret, for there are all sorts of secret hiding places that require virtually no construction experience in order to use.

Various locales can be pressed into service that lay outside of your home. Automobiles are also pretty typically utilized for covertly moving both men and materiel. Hiding small items in your clothing has been done for centuries, and is not limited to [concealed carry permit holders](#). In fact, there are literally numerous locations where to stash and smuggle weapons through, yet, the very best weapon is what's in your noggin.

[Jack Luger's *The Big Book of Secret Hiding Places*](#) is a phenomenally important work, for it also draws upon the hard-won experiences of those who survived the Second World War. Even though it does heavily emulate [How to Hide Anything](#), it takes what needs to be covered toward the next logical steps by going outside the realm of the home into what's carried on your person, a car, or even smuggled through various kinds of checkpoints. Please keep in mind that this book was written in 1987, so the information regarding airport security particularly is going to be dated; however, instead of haplessly waiting around to be raided, Luger's book also takes the offensive by exploring how materiel can be moved through enemy controlled areas.

