



## Synopsis

An illustrated encyclopedia for the home craftsman containing over 1,500 drawings of hand and power tools that describes what they are used for and shows how to operate and maintain them.

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## Customer Reviews

This publication is a great source of information to me as a shop teacher trying to arouse young students' interest in tools. In one book, the author relays the history of most of the common hand tools in use in carpentry and associated trades today. In addition, he gives detailed instructions as to the use of each tool and provides flawless illustrations to guide the reader. I would recommend this book as a gift for a hobbyist, shop teacher, contractor or any persons with similar interest areas. I plan to award a volume to my top shop student each year. \Steve Schmit David City, Nebraska 12 / 11 / 99

I've been repairing and building things my whole life and thought I had a pretty decent grasp of the most common tools and how to use. I bought this book because I thought it would be a fun bathroom read. I've been pleasantly surprised by the amount of things I've learned. I've learned a better way to use some of the tools I own and understand the capability of tools I've never touched. Topics include rules, squares, plumb bobs and levels, dividers and calipers, scribes, punches, jigs and guides, benches and vises, clamps, sharpening tools, saws, chisels and gouges, planes, routers, spokeshaves, scrapers, knives, staple gun, hammers and mallets, modeling tools, pincers and pliers, auger and gimlet, braces and drills, lathe, screwdrivers, sanders and abrasives,

lubricating equipment, battery testing equipment, rasps and files, snips and shears, wrenches, taps and dies, plumbing tools, welding tools, needles, brushes rollers and paint sprayer, ladders, building tools, axes and hatchets, adze hooks and scythe, digging tools, protective clothing. This isn't an in depth reference work. However, it is an enjoyable and enlightening book that many folks who take pride in repairing and building will enjoy.

My Dad gave me this book when I was growing up. I am now a Carpenter and still have the copy he gave me. I think it is wonderful book and I often refer to it if I need an answer about a tool in my kit. It is such a lovely book to just browse through because the illustrations are great and the text very informative. I have a bias opinion yes! but I would not do without it in my reference library.

Very informative and helpful, even though it is 30 years old. Don't let the age turn you away from this great resource of tools and their uses. Over 1500 drawings! I'll bet you have at least one tool in your shop you have never figured out how to use. You'll find out here. Impressive.

A bit dated, but full of useful and interesting information. Perfect for when you're not sure what the thing you need is called, but you know that it exists. Get a copy if you can, while you still can.

My husband collects antique tools and sometimes isn't sure what they are for or how to use them, this book is great for just those reasons.

Purchased after reading a review on Kevin Kelly's "Cool Tools" page. A bit dated -- not much coverage of modern electric tools and none of electronic products -- but very good coverage of basic hand tools and common "tricks of the trade". The "Cool Tools" review forced up the price of used copies but there are still inexpensive copies to be found. Be nice to see a new edition of this or a modern equivalent.

Very basic. worth, the money if you know nothing about tools. good if you are getting your teenagers familiar with the tools that were in your garage or grandpa's workshop

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