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A HANDBOOK FOR HOBBY GUNSMITHS FROM A BLACK POWDER EXPERT AND A LEADING CUSTOM GUNSMITH

Tools, techniques and projects for amateurs with widely varying skill and equipment levels — from kitchen table to home workshop

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This book is a complete step by step reference for building, tuning, and repairing black powder rifles, pistols, and revolvers. The section on tuning cap and ball revolvers immediately paid for my book. It also has a great historical introduction on the frontier gunsmith, with sections on tools and safety.

I was raised around firearms and always loved them, but a stint in military service "over-saturated" me. Forty-something years later, I experienced new interest. I always loved civil-war-era pistols, and bought one after happening across a few for great prices in a well-known sport outfitter's catalog. I wanted a book that would show me something of the ins and outs of these guns, and this was available. This book covers a lot of ground that I really didn't need, but chapters on "tuning" a cap-and-ball pistol and on bluing were extremely helpful. Once again, offered something that I needed!

I own several black powder revolvers and in the interest of staying in one piece I research the art thoroughly. There's a trick to growing old. It's a matter of surviving your own stupidity and that of those around you. Anyone who gets into black powder and doesn't tread cautiously will get a rude
Not the most straightforwardly organized book, but it's all good stuff for someone just getting into the idea of tearing apart and working on frontstuffers. I've had this book for a few years and have used different bits of the info it contains on several occasions: I thought to do this review today after I successfully used Fadala and Storey’s info to guide me through a trigger tune-up on a brand new Pietta 1858 revolver. Very handy to have around!

Unfortunately this book is now out of print and its content out of date. I can not find one of the kit models which it covers still in production. But no matter. The information stands on its own. You can benefit allot from the pictures and overall skills that can be mastered by applying what can be gleaned to similar projects. Thanks Sam!

The author covers all the important steps and gives a few tips. The problem is the instructions that come with gun kits has better detail.

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