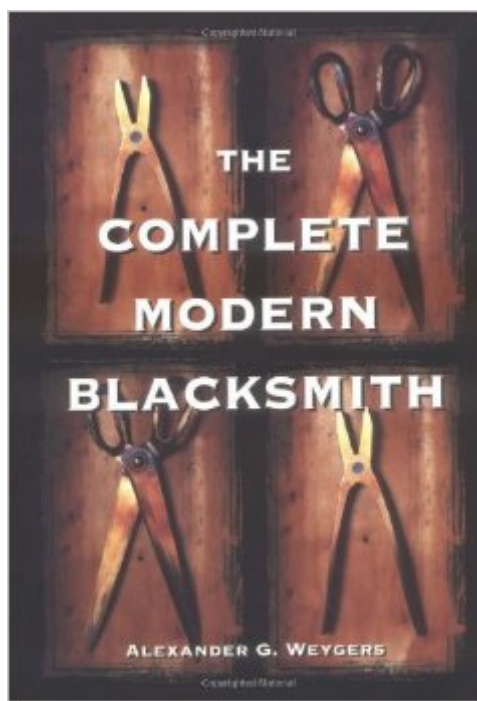


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Alternative titles for this book might be, "Blacksmithing for Survival" or, "Gorilla Blacksmithing" or, "Blacksmithing on a Budget" It could also be called, 'Practical Blacksmithing', if about three others hadn't got to the title first. I never met the author, A. Weygers, except through this book. From what I can see he had these characteristics; He was artistic, but didn't suffer from an artistic temperament. He understood technical things but wasn't a nerd. He could deal with machines but also liked people. He also shared one characteristic with me: he scrounged around in the junk heap to find parts to build things. His writing is clear and concise. He isn't snobby or given to obscure terminology. The illustrations in the book, done with pencil by Weygers, are very good and informative. You may be interested to know that Weygers patented a flying saucer. Or, actually, he called it a 'discopter'. It is patent 2,377,835. This book is actually three small books bound as one. There is some repeating in the book because of this. But not much. There is something to learn on

every page. The main theme of the book is how to make tools. He shows how to make blacksmithing tools, metal working tools, woodcarving chisels, stone carving tools, gardening tools and other things. He has an interesting discussion about how to drill square holes. I have never seen this information in any other book. He also gets into some artistic items. But he doesn't insist that you become an artist. The most important tool that he shows you how to use is your brain. He shows how to improvise tools by using junk that you find for free or cheap.

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