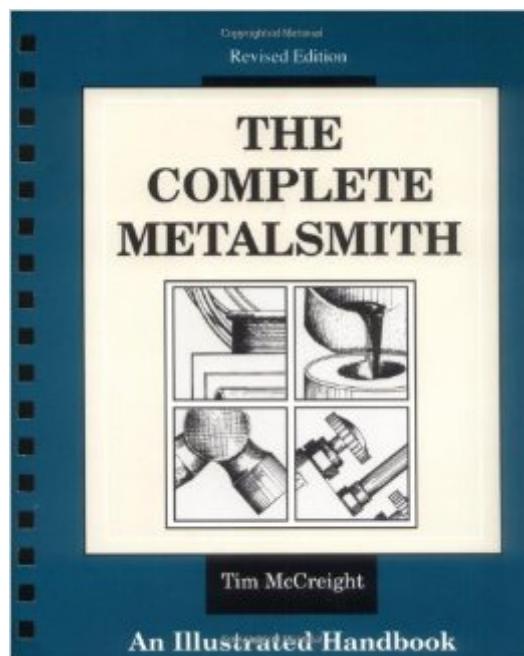


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I am a little disappointed with this book. I was expecting this to be more like a text book describing how to do various metal working techniques. It is more of a glorified glossary. Explaining terms and giving very broad descriptions. There is very little HOW TO information that I found helpful. Many other reviewers like this book a lot so maybe it's just me, but as a beginner I wanted more instruction and technical tips. It does give formulas and has some step by step instructions, but unfortunately they were for things I am not interested in.

If you are a jeweler, and don't have this book, order it now! If you are just interested in how jewelry is made, this an excellent, simply written book that will eliminate some of the mysteries, and could even get you into making jewelry or other metalsmithing projects as a hobby. Written in simple terms, this convenient to use (spiral bound) book is one of the most easy-to-read, on this subject, you will find. McCreight is a great teacher, and this book, like a lot of his books, proves it.

This is a must-have for the library of anyone interested in jewelry fabrication. All the basic techniques are covered, making it an excellent choice for the beginner, and advanced techniques also are included; McCreight even touches on metallurgy. Explanations and illustrations are very clear. In fact, he makes everything so straightforward and non-intimidating that you find yourself saying, "Sure! I can do that!" A lot of information is packed onto each page, so you get maximum bang for your buck. And finally, the fact that the book is spiral-bound means you don't have to prop it open while you're working--very helpful.

This was the text for my Jewelry One course at art school five years ago, and it was excellent then. Though I've been painting since, I pulled it out last week 'cause I needed to make something- and it all came right back. Amazing amount of basic info, set up to use at the bench where you need it.

More impressive now than then. Highly recommended.

This is the 6th. copy of this book I have purchased. I use it in my classes for all level students as their first and final primary guide. Profusely illustrated, and accurately written, I recommend this to beginners and professionals. A must for your reference library.

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