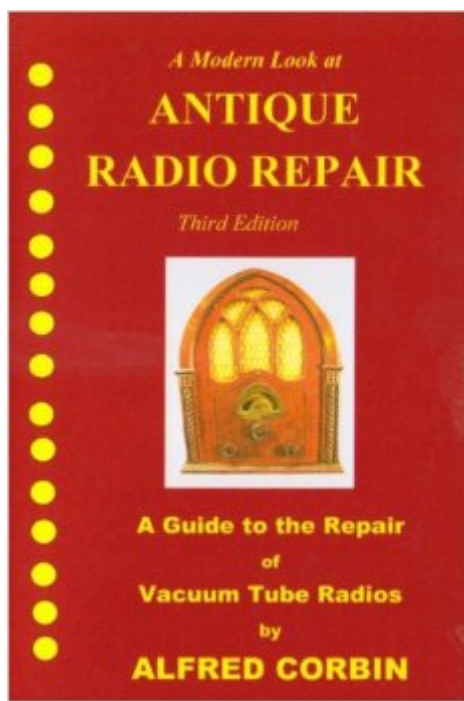


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Absolutely fantastic book for anyone wanting to repair those treasured beauties from the past. For years, I had difficulty with some electronic theory not sticking, but this book explains it in a clear, concise manner that makes learning absolutely fun. Cannot recommend it enough.

Al, I just finished your book. I read it in two nights. Fantastic! It's so refreshing when someone can explain concepts using layman's language. I've been dabbling in electronics/radio all my life but have always been confused by many concepts. All the books I've read get very technical and subsequently I get frustrated. I can now look at a schematic of an AA5 and can finally "see" the flow of electrons through the circuit. I cannot wait to fix my next radio. I now have a basic understanding of how to troubleshoot which was always a dead end street for me. Between your book and two others written by Richard McWorther, I have amassed a wealth of knowledge. All the pieces of the puzzle finally fell in place. If you have written any other books that you feel would be helpful please let me know. Thanks again Al!! Phil M Milford, CT

First thing's first - I don't know if I'd classify this as a "beginner" book. I'll leave that to other reviewers. Everybody's different when it comes to his/her knowledge with electronics, and I definitely would not want to mislead anyone. That being said, this is really a great book. Antique Radio Repair 3rd Edition takes the budding antique radio aficionado like myself from crawl to walk to run. This book combined with the now out of print Antique Radio Restoration Guide by David Johnson is all you need to get started and take a nonworking radio from fatigued to fantastic. Mr. Corbin does a great job in the first 50 pages of walking the reader through two schematics from start to finish, explaining what each part does and why. Perfect. There were a few instances where I saw symbols on the schematic that I didn't recognize. Not a big deal at all, and thus my suggestion to find a reference online somewhere. If you can find the David Johnson book you're further along as

to tube types, etc. though. I really can't say enough good things about this book. The binding is designed so it lays flat on your workspace. That attention to detail is a big plus. You know Mr. Corbin "practices what he preaches". He also is the rare author that responds to emails! So do yourself a favor and pick up this book, and while you're at it pick up the 3 DVDs in the "Bret's Old Radios Presents Antique Radio Restoration" series. I can't honestly say enough good things about them also (Bret also is someone that answers emails - not just leaving you to flap in the wind if you have a question). With those DVDs and this book, you're on your way to repairing that first set....and many many in the years to come.

This book is an excellent introduction to the fast-disappearing art of repairing vacuum-tube radios, mainly of the 1930-1960 era. It is aimed at anyone with an interest in early electronics, and includes only enough theory to guide the reader through the fundamentals of radio operation and the failure modes of radio components. It can be useful to an experienced young engineer or technician as well as an untrained beginner.

There are several good books available regarding the repair and/or restoration of antique radios and I have most of them. All of them have their strengths and weaknesses. All of them have added to my knowledge of vintage radio repair. Antique Radio Repair by Alfred Corbin is one I have recently added to my collection. There is a significant amount of easy to read technical information and a wealth of lessons learned during Mr. Corbin's career. If you repair or restore vintage radios, or plan to in the future, I would recommend you add this book to your collection.

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