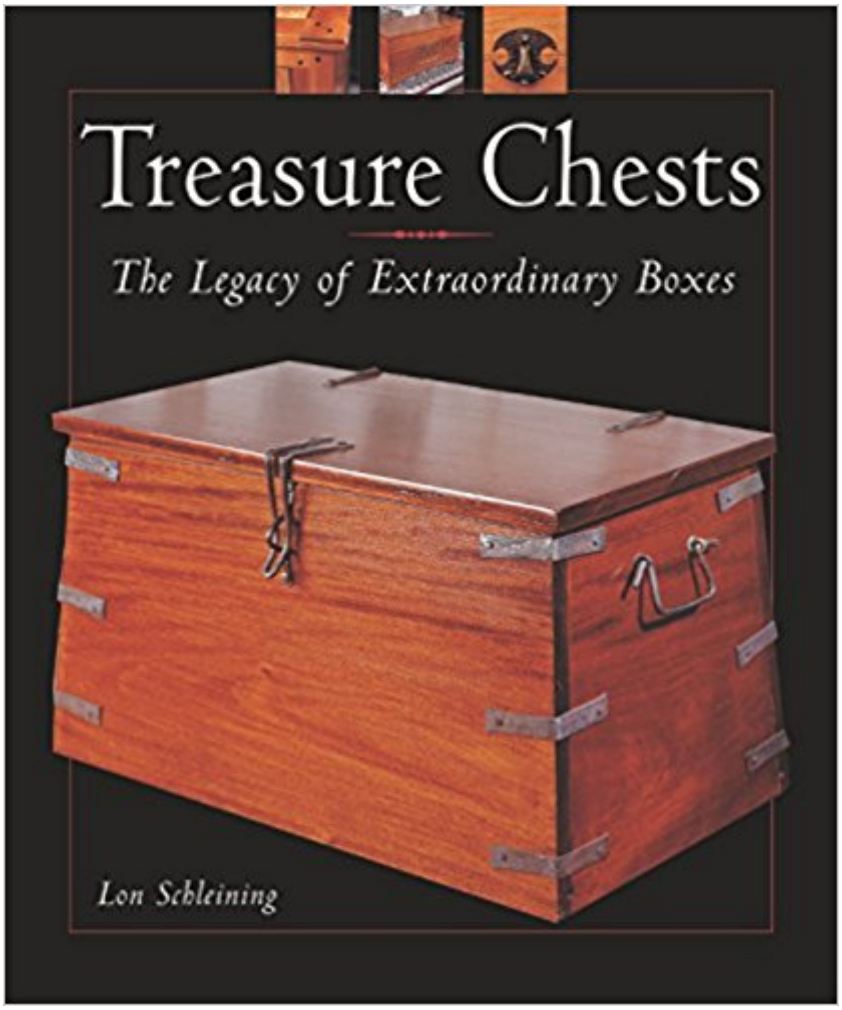
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Customer Reviews

Wooden chests have served many purposes throughout the centuries; they’ve held tools, the possessions of sailors, and the future housewares of brides often their owner’s most precious things. Schleining’s survey is part history and part picture book, with a multitude of colorful photographs supplementing the text. Nearly every chest is accompanied by a fascinating story; some of the chests have been in the same family for generations. Of particular interest is a section of unusual chests, including a "corpse preserver" (with an ice compartment) that was once used by undertakers. This interesting book is best suited for comprehensive public library collections. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Beautifully photographed with lots of background information, this book is itself a treasure."

When I ordered this I was under the impression it would have plans, for various types of chests, including so-called 'pirate' chests. It's a lovely book, with lovely pictures. But plans? Not a one. There are picture, one or two, of various chests, a one, possibly two, page blurb on it. But not a lot on details on construction et al on most of them. It's a really nice book, and I'm not sorry I got it, but if I had been able to thumb thru a copy before I ordered it, I would not have ordered it.I've been wanting to make a small chest for my grand-dau, and a pirate type chest for my grandson. Thought this would be what I wanted. It has provided some inspiration, and I have the skill to make one, just wanted a nice design, preferably with plans, or at least measurements. As I said, I'm happy with the book, but think I found my inspiration elsewhere.

lots of ideas

This covered primarily small boxes. I was hoping it covered as the title indicated "chests". It did not cover hope chests or larger chests. This is why I gave it only 4 stars. If you want info or ideas on small boxes then this is a great book.

I loved looking at this book. It covered a lot of variety of types of chests and provided interesting historical and culture facts, as well as personal stories for specific chests. The pictures to text ratio is perfect. I wish there was a little more information on consrtuction--there was some useful information on types of construction for the wood itself, but I would have liked to see information on materials/woods used, latches, locks, handles, and strapping/corners. Still, I am very happy with my purchase.

I really enjoy this book. I am a woodworker / furniture maker and I read a lot of this style of book. The author does a fantastic job of illustrating each box and providing a bit of background on each box. The photos are all in color and very well composed.The boxes range from a tea box recovered from the harbor at the Boston Tea Party to HO Studley's over-the-top tool chest to a standard GI foot locker.The book is well-organized. There is little wood working technique described so if you are looking for a how-to book, this ain't the book for you. However, the author briefly describes uncommon techniques such as lapstrake construction (common in shipbuilding but almost unheard of in furniture making).

box making is now beginning. and the photos are great. but will modify my designs. some of the

boxes, chest are just above and beyond some of my experience level but will give it a go.

A very good book on different styles of chests. Great pictures

Beautiful book.

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