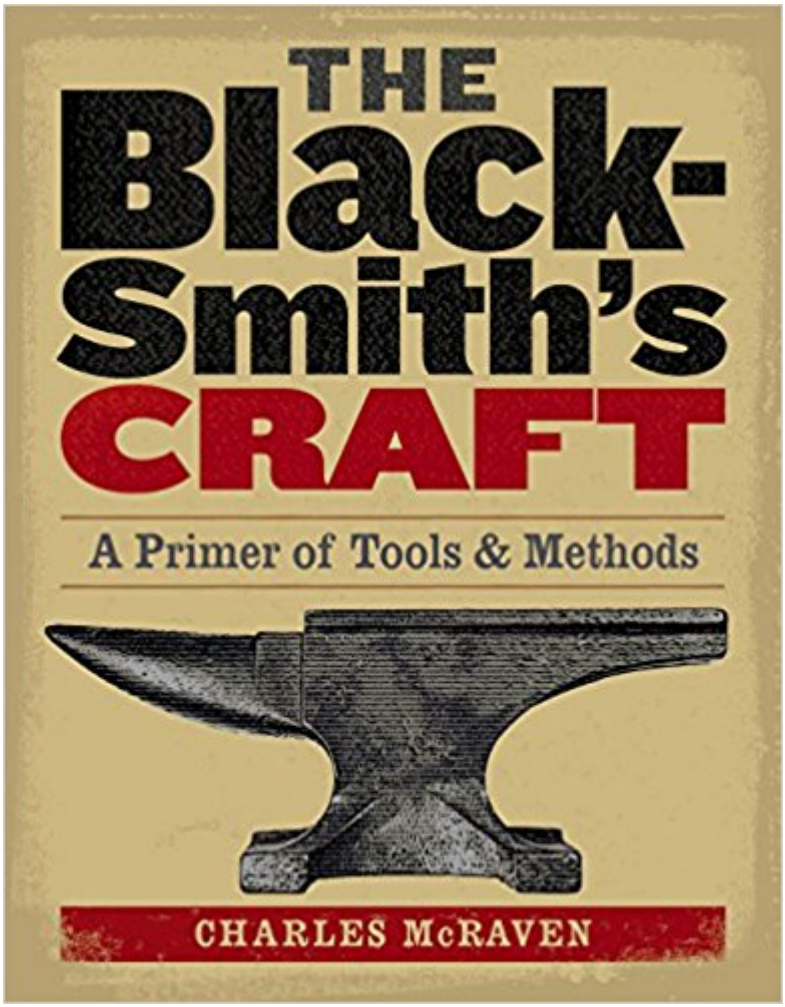
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Customer Reviews

Charles McRaven is a stonemason and blacksmith, nationally known for building and repairing dozens of stone structures and log homes. He has written extensively on stone, including the books Building with Stone and Stonework, and articles for Country Journal, Fine Homebuilding, and many regional magazines. He lectures and conducts workshops and private courses in stone construction. Charles lives in Virginia.

If you are interested in blacksmithing,have no metal working experience andare short on funds, I cannot recommendthis book enough.Originally entitled "Country Blacksmithing",when it was first published in the early 80’sCharles McRaven:[...]has revised (slightly) and reissued thisbook as "The Blacksmith’s Craft A Primerof Tools and Methods." The author is anexpert in building with stone and timberframing. Finding himself in need of tools,he decided to make his own and so learnedblacksmithing in a way which combines19th techniques with 20th centurymaterials "recycling".I discovered the first editionand immediately coveted it because McRavenwrites WELL! He is lucid and the photographsare plentiful. Reading this is almost likehaving a conversation with

an experienced"Country" or farm yard blacksmith as it isclear and concise and colorful.It’s not what you would call comprehensive,with respect to the subject, but thereis more than enough here to get a backyardtoolsmith started making his own tools.If you are serious about banging on iron,this should not be your only metal workingtome, but it is an excellent startIMHO and in fact might be about the onlybook you need.

I have already made several of the projects described in this book since starting it. It’s a valuable resource to have for anyone who is interested in the blacksmithing trade as a hobby or for supplement income.

There is lots of interesting and worthwhile information in this book. It is primarily focused on the beginner to intermediate blacksmithing enthusiast, however more advanced levels would also benefit from this book, as I have found it to be an excellent reference source and definitely a worthwhile inclusion on my bookshelf.

My husband loves this book!

fast shipping, teaches about the history of black smithing, I haven’t finish the book yet so I don’t know what everything, tells ways you can set up a forgeing shop your self

A very informative and exciting read. Finished it in no time flat. An emphasis more on practical forge work than anything else, which is probably the best place for beginners to start. Will look for a hard copy to put on the shelf.

This book was very informative, particularly about annealing, hardening, and tempering steel. I learned a lot, as I am just starting out in the craft. Would love to take one of the author’s classes sometime.

Bought this for my husband because he has had a lifelong interest in Blacksmithing. He is extremely pleased with the information the book contains, from fluxing to setting up his shop.

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