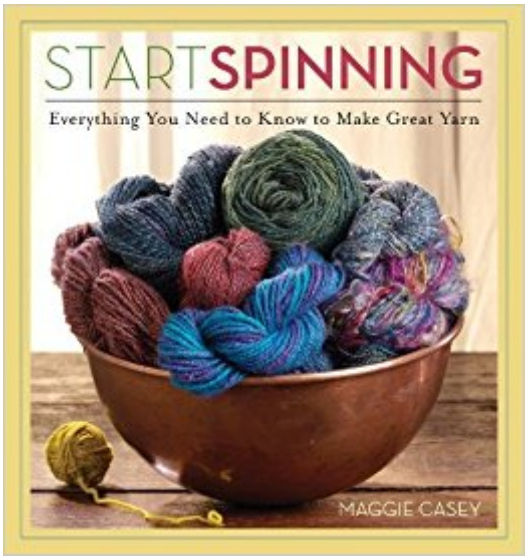
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Synopsis

For knitters, crocheters, and weavers ready to make their own yarn, this handy guide provides detailed instructions for spinning both on a spindle and a wheel, and offers a special section devoted to troubleshooting and wheel maintenance that keeps projects on track. It offers a comprehensive look at the various available fiber options, choosing and preparing each type of fiber for use, and crafting these materials into ready-to-work pieces. A final chapter on the various uses of spun yarn focuses on project planning, with definitions and context for measuring wraps per inch, determining yards for specific projects, and choosing a yarn size.

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when I struggled to teach myself how to spin...the next best thing to taking private spinning lessons." - Monsters and Critics.com"5 out of 5 stars. This is an excellent book for anyone who is thinking about learning to spin or who already has a spindle or wheel." - Knitting News

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This is an excellent reference for beginning spinners that covers the basics concisely and thoroughly without being overwhelming, proof that Casey is truly a well-versed teacher who practices what she preaches. If you've shied away from spinning before, this is a streamlined, simple, and engaging book to get you started confidently.

The book is good, but could be fantastic. The topics are all there, from working with a raw fleece to knitting with your self-spun yarn and wheel maintenance. Unfortunately, the breadth of topics are only covered superficially, as the book is just over 100 pages. I wish the author had chosen fewer topics, or made a thicker book. What is there is, however, excellent! Great pictures, good descriptions, and I learned a lot. Even though there is room for improvement, it is one of the best books on the market.

I bought this book to help me get started spinning and I found it to be very helpful. It has all the information you need to learn to spin your own yarn, whether on a spindle or a spinning wheel. I am self teaching and while I would prefer to take a class, this book was a helpful and economical alternative. I was particularly happy about the Appendix with information on prepping fleece (both washing and the various methods of readying the washed fleece), since I'd been having trouble figuring out what I needed to do. No information on dyeing, but that's understandable because that takes a whole other book.However, one important correction should be made. On page 74, when describing how to measure yards per pound, the author states that you should weigh your yarn in ounces, then multiply by 16 to get to pounds. You should be dividing by 16 to convert to pounds! I would think it would be pretty obvious that if you have 32 ounces you have 2 pounds, not 512, but I thought that should be pointed out.

This was the first book I bought when I decided that I wanted to learn how to spin. The author

covers everything you'll need to know about spinning, from how to process the fiber for spinning to how to spin on either a spindle or a wheel to setting the twist so you can use the yarn you've made.There was a lot of useful information and I found it useful to know that you should get to know your wheel before starting to spin with it. Good information all in one place.

This book has a lot of valuable information. It is by no means the be-all, end-all of spinning books.Some things are glossed over, like how to pre-draft fiber, and its importance. I would suggest using this book in conjunction with another book or have someone show you the basics if you are absolutely clueless about spinning.

I am a beginning spinner...been spinning a bit every day for over a month now. I checked out every book that I could find and "Start Spinning" is the best by far: comfortable writing style, clear directions for everything, loads of clear photo illustrations, instruction on all the stages of preparation, spinning on a drop spindle or wheel, and finishing techniques. Enjoyable and comprehensive and a huge help. I have the good fortune to have some excellent instructors and still found this book invaluable.

this is a great book, lots of info and pictures - just took a spinning class and teacher recommended it - it is for wheel spinning more than hand spinners -

I am a very new spinner, both with spindle and wheel. This book gives me clear instructions on everything from choosing fiber, to drafting, plying and the anatomy of my wheel. The trouble shooting guides were immensely helpful when I just couldn't figure out what I was doing wrong. I expect this book will be my "go to" guide for many years to come. If you are looking for a good beginner guide and reference, I highly recommend this book.

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