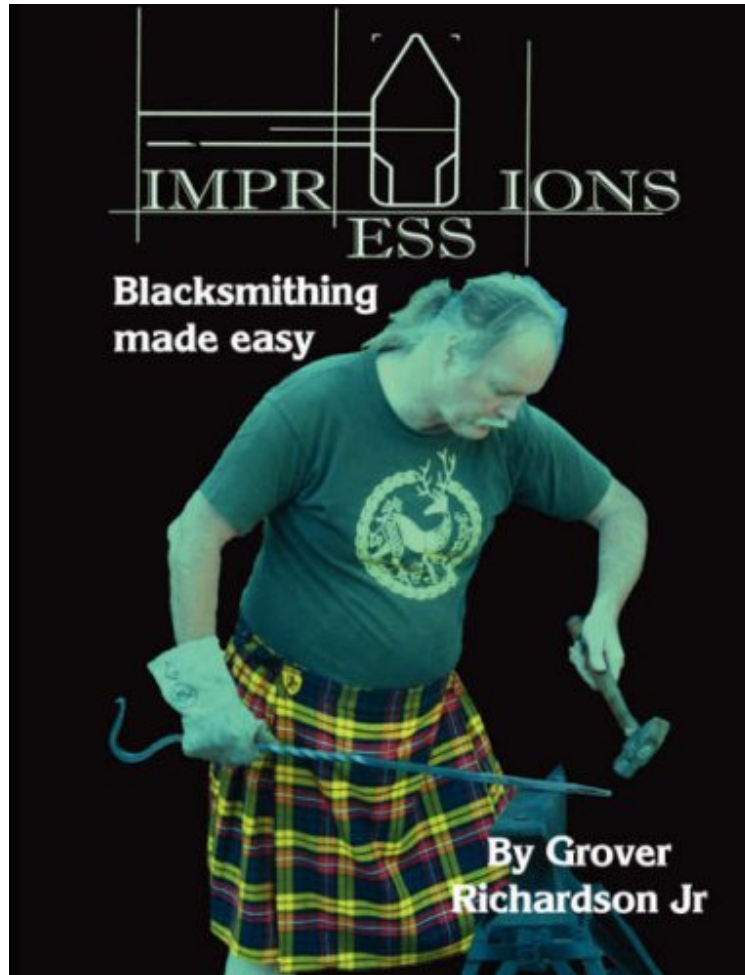


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A good IntroBy SurrealsI ordered this book because I run the Surreal Foundry and Cycleworks - in Australia. I wanted an introduction to certain blacksmithing skills because I want to forge parts for the restoration of antique and vintage bicycles. (The oldest of them were built by blacksmiths.)I like this book, and although I have yet to build a forge, and wield a hammer in seriousness, the book is very helpful - in the tone of John Muir's conic "How to Keep Your Volkswagen Alive; A Manual of Step-by-Step Procedures ..." (also available through)It provides insight into what is needed, and how to, without busting your budget. I already have decent metal working skills, and I can see the sense of what is offered in the book, and it will save me a lot of time and effort in becoming mildly proficient at the art.It also provides a detailed list of useful tools - and why, together with a large selection of alternative resources to investigate in the case that you get serious about it all.I am particularly

pleased to see the section on how to forge a Damascus Blade. Many thanks to Grover - I think the correct acknowledgement is "woof". Jesse in Australia

Are you one of those people that has watched a blacksmith and said to yourself that you want to try that one day? If you have done this more than once, then this book is for you. This book is aimed at individuals who want to try hammering hot metal without sinking a lot of money into the effort, and also wish to achieve reasonable results with only a modest amount of effort. Yes, there is a learning curve, and the more effort you put into learning the skills the more rewarding the experience will be to you; but it is possible for you to start making certain items for yourself, your friends, and your family with only a little experience. If you find that swinging a hammer is to your liking, then there are references which will assist you in finding like minded individuals to further your love of pounding hot iron. If on the other hand, you try it, and find that it's too much work for your tastes, you will not have invested extensively in this enterprise, and there is a very high likelihood that you can find someone else who is interested in hammering to which you may sell, give, or trade the tools. No matter what the outcome will be, if you read this book and complete your quest; you will have an object, heated in the fires of Hephasteus, forged upon the anvil of your will, and quenched by the sweat which falls from your knotted brow. You will have a hand forged iron object that no one else in the world will have, an object, hand forged by you.