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George C., Jr. Nonte : Pistolsmithing before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pistolsmithing:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very enjoyable insight into the art of pistolsmithing and what tools, techniques ans skills help make one successful...By J. MeinhartI found this to be an excellent resource. Mr. Nonte does not get caught up in common debates of this or that approach being better, but rather present to the reader wisdom in the way of describing what has worked well (and also not so well) over his decades of experience as a

pistol specializing gunsmith. It is a very good text for those new to firearms or gunsmithing that want to know what tools are essential as well those that are nice to have or rarely used - highly specialized. In short, you learn where to get the most value by investing in quality where it is sure to pay off and also how to organize your work area, paperwork logs, and expand the tools of the trade overtime. Nonte illustrates many do's and don'ts that are not so obvious to those without the experience. Represented is an approach to the pistol as a machine with the eye of a craftsman of the 20th Century, that reminds me of the engineering skill of my great uncles and grandfather -- Nonte has a fine ability to relate techniques from perspectives tempered by common sense and patience. Pistolsmithing by George Nonte, Jr, makes for an enjoyable read as well as reference for firearm enthusiasts, beginner gunsmiths, and experienced gunsmiths and armorers interested in the experiences and techniques of a pistolsmith from a time when the values regarding firearms, gunsmiths, and craftsmen-in-general were rather different than many find them today!⁴ of 4 people found the following review helpful. Old, but interesting (2011 printing).By JWThis review is for the 2011 printing, although I believe the content is still from 1974.Obviously it's old content, and a lot of the topics are outdated (like, for example, how to convert a Colt Gov't Model into a Commander, at a time when Colt didn't sell Commander parts as a general rule). But even though parts of the book may be outdated, it's a good read.Now as to how much of the book I can really use and apply myself, well, not a lot unfortunately. Surprisingly, the author makes it seem like the gunsmith's greatest tool is a welding kit. It was a discouraging book where motivating someone to work on one's own projects is concerned (or even motivating someone to enter the field at all). In that respect the book is very disappointing. However, if nothing else, it'll give you a greater appreciation for the abilities of an ACCOMPLISHED old-school gunsmith.So even though I personally don't consider the book useful, except for a very few specific items here and there, I'm still giving it four stars just for all the jam-packed information it contains.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerValuable information, a must have.

Classic book on gunsmithing reprinted in a new hardcover series format Detailed diagrams and photos of many kinds of pistols Covers every part of the process, from working with metal to fine-tuning and decorating the gun How to repair pistols and correct common problems Instructions for typical customizations

About the AuthorGeorge C. Nonte Jr., a retired Army Ordnance officer, was a noted expert on firearms. A prolific author, he wrote articles and books about almost every aspect of shooting sports. He also operated a professional firearms testing, evaluation, and consultation service.