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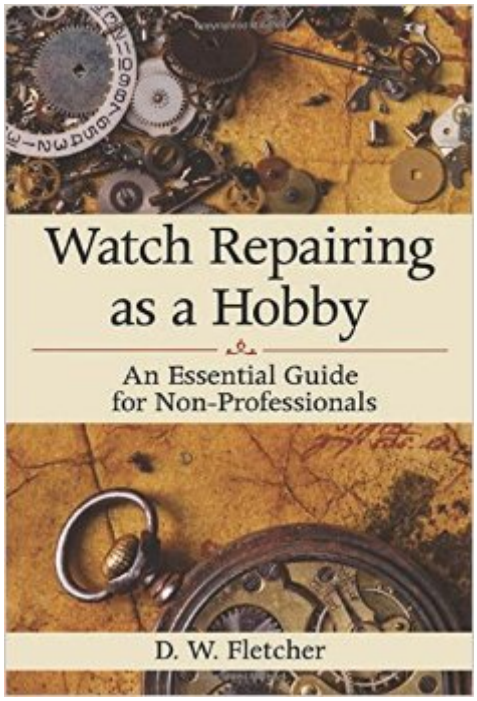

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Synopsis

An unabridged reproduction of the work as it was originally published in London in 1948, Watch Repairing as a Hobby remains an indispensible guide to understanding how watches work. Starting with the very basics of watch operation, Fletcher moves through the various tools required for repair, disassembling, and cleaning, as well as a troubleshooting guide for common ailments with detailed solutions.Â This must-have guide is broken up into five key sections:Â - How a watch worksÂ - Tools and how to use themÂ - How to take down, clean, and reassemble a watchÂ - Common ailments of a watchÂ - More ailmentsÂ Watch Repairing as a Hobby takes a watch amateur from intrigued novice to skilled repairman. With dozens of illustrations to guide you through analysis and repair, this classic work is essential for anyone interested in watches and how they tick.Never before has a how-to guide for watch repair been written in such an easy-to-utilize format, as seen through the eyes of a successful amateur. You donâ ™t need to be a professional to enjoy and understand the nuances of watch repairâ ”just a copy of this book nearby.

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Customer Reviews

One nice thing about our watch "hobby", specifically with the mechanical side of things, is that it’s an old one. This is why you can get a book that was originally published in 1948 and reissued today, and still learn practical and valuable lessons.As you can tell by the graphic up there, the book is Watch Repairing as a Hobby by D.W. Fletcher. While this book was published over 60 years ago, there are still some valuable things you can learn - even if you don’t ever plan to take your watch

apart.This is in large part because Fletcher, prior to getting into the aspects of how to a actually do a repair, takes the time (well, as much as you can in a 60-some page book) to walk you through how the movement itself works. Once that understanding is down, he goes into some of the problems that can occur (most likely dirt), and how to go about fixing them.And when it comes to fixing, he walks through ways that aren't going to required massive amounts of specialized tools - just some basic tools and supplies you may already have, or could probably come up with fairly affordably.For me, it was an enlightening, and quick, read. And while I'm not quite ready to take apart one of my own watches, there is a part of me that's tempted to pick up some cheap mechanical from eBay to see if I can get it apart and back together, without any bonus pieces left on the bench.

A great book for the dabbler in horology interested in repairing a watch. Start with some cheap old pocket watches and go for it. It's always easier to take it apart than to put I back together again.

This book is dense with information to get your understanding of watchmaking theory a little broader. My main complaints were that illustrations on page 3 were referenced 50 pages later. The information is a bit dated but the theory hasn't changed much. At less than 60 pages of information, this doesn't give very much information. Useful tips on diagnosing issues with movements though.

This is by far the best guide for a compete noob like me. If you are looking for something to tell you about antique pocket watch maintenance, this is the starting point. It does focus a lot of attention on English watch types, but that is expected as the author was British. By no means is it a complete guide, but it does seem to break down the watchmaker's jargon to an understandable level, and so the person trying to figure out if he or she is REALLY ready to take the plunge into the fascinating but complicated study of early pocket watch repair/cleaning/maintenance.

Very good for the learner. Could do with more illustrations but information is relevant. A good size to keep close at hand.

I wished the book would have pictures in to describe what tools are used for what. As the tool kit I ordered did not have any instructions guide with it.

I have read many books on the topic. This one is the best. Simple, practical and useful.

Interesting little book. As described, well packed, delivered when promised. First class seller.

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