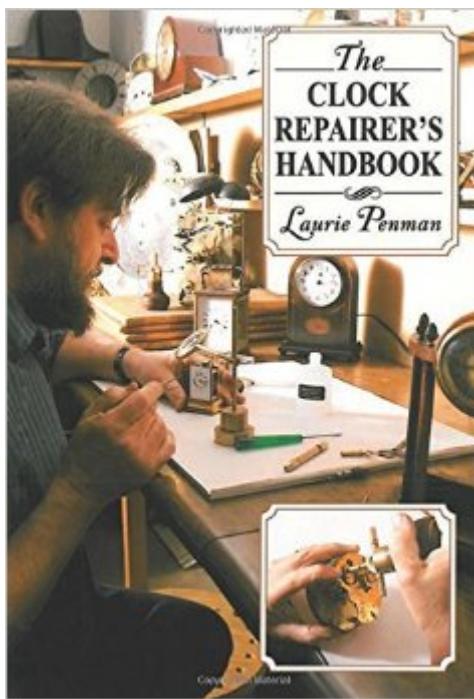


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Laurie Penman has written an indispensable guide for both the absolute beginner and the experienced clock enthusiast. The Clock Repairerâ™s Handbook provides information on how to repair and maintain a clockâ™s delicate mechanics and teaches the basics of clock repairing through detailed, easy-to-follow instructions and more than three hundred instructive diagrams and illustrations. Advice and directions for cleaning clock movements, pivoting and mounting, fixing train faults and gears, the importance of lubrication and friction, and how to make sure the strike and chimes work on the hour, every hour. The Clock Repairerâ™s Handbook provides all the necessary information to troubleshoot any clockâ™s problems and to make sure your clock continues to run in perfect order for generations to come.

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While this book is chock-full of valuable information, the presentation leaves much to be desired. Claiming to be a book that is suitable for the novice, it never once defines the terms used within the text. Fortunately, the terms are defined in the glossary at the back of the book. To be fair, it should also be noted that some of the terms used are "Brit Speak". However, contrary to other reviews listed here on , the difficultly one finds in reading this book is not due to the language differences, it is simply poorly written. The style of writing is more or less friendly and conversational which, in itself, is fine. But this seems to have lured the author into writing text which is difficult to

follow and provides incomplete, disjointed descriptions of the components or actions discussed. I found myself having to re-read sentences just to get an understanding of the thought that the author was trying to communicate. I will also add my voice to those reviewers who find that the "over three hundred line drawings" found in the book are inadequate at best. Perhaps fine for a first edition (1985), they are certainly not what I would expect for the second copyright edition (2010). In fact, it would be interesting to know if there were any changes made to the 2010 edition other the repackaging. The use of some drawings is fine and appropriate, but there are obvious places in the book where photographs would have proven significantly more useful. Another example of where the author has obviously lost the direction or purpose of the book is where in the introduction he states, "it is not necessary to invest in a workshop ... , good work can be done at the kitchen table with simple, good household tools." Oh, really!

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