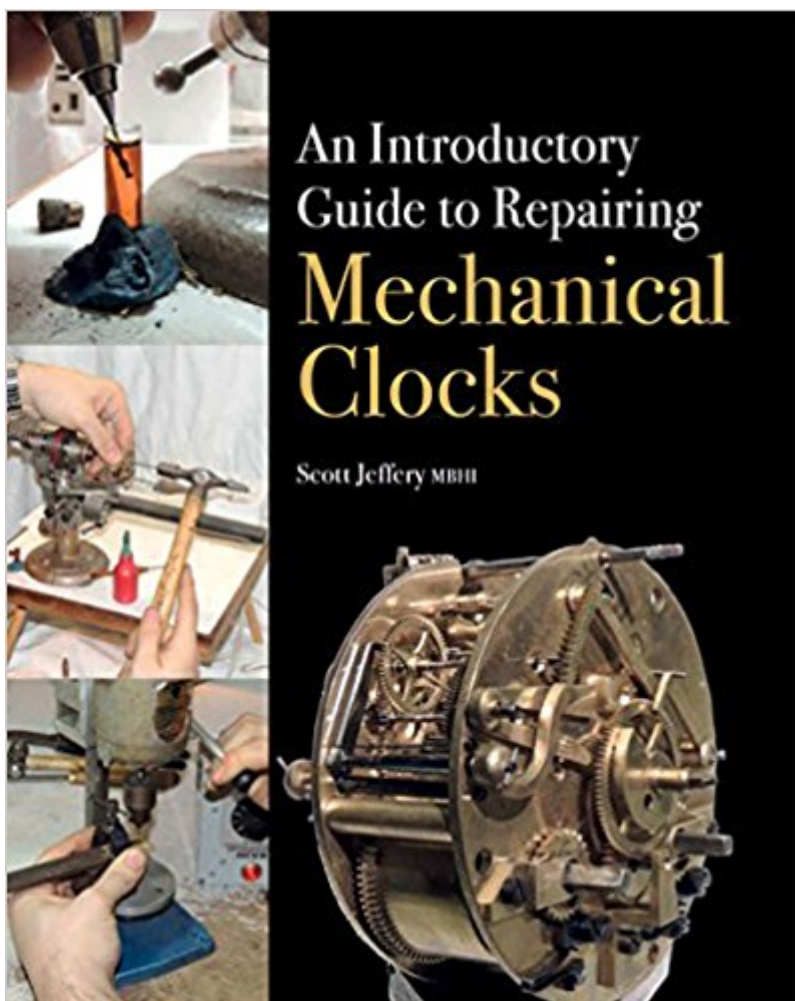


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An Introductory Guide To Repairing Mechanical Clocks



Synopsis

This up-to-date, clearly written, and beautifully illustrated book is targeted at the amateur repairer and at the absolute beginner with no experience, as well as at hobbyists who often dabble with, but have little knowledge of, the techniques used in quality horological work. Written by a professional clock repairer with a common sense approach, this workshop companion for the beginner keeps things simple while placing an emphasis on the quality of the work. It provides step-by-step illustrated instructions and simplifies a large variety of tasks that are often regarded as being complicated, such as re-pivoting, jewelers work, and bushing. Moreover, it presents a great deal of useful advice and contains more than 400 high quality color images that help to explain and clarify every procedure that is covered.

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Customer Reviews

Scott Jeffery studied aerospace engineering at BTech level, and went on to university to pursue his interests in aerodynamics and mechanical engineering in the form of a bachelor's degree in motor sport engineering. After receiving a mechanical watch one Christmas, he enrolled in the British Horological Institute's distance learning course, and is now a fully qualified MBHI. Scott has repaired more than 1000 clocks, and runs Hampshire Clock Works.

I have been a clock collector and clocksmith for many years. I received this book by mistake. But, decided to keep it rather than pay to return it. The book is a mismatch of overly simplistic information

mixed with descriptions using terms that would quickly lose a novice. The author speaks of pivots, great wheels and pinions without clearly defining what they are. It appears the scope is limited to mostly European clocks. A beginner probably wouldn't encounter a fusee and not all clocks have barrels to enclose the springs. There are far better books available for someone wanting to learn about repairing clocks.

I have been a collector for over 20 years and watch and clockmaker for over half that time. I have a watch and clock library of several hundred books. I feel Scott did a fantastic job showing practical and actionable information while not losing the reader quickly with jargon and introductory material that is easily gleaned elsewhere as many books do. Unlike so many horology books out there, Scott's book contains truly original information and insight gleaned from his experience rather than reworked material from earlier books. It's fair to say that no single book is going to give you everything you need to repair clocks and every author has to decide "how basic" their discussion should be. I differ with another reviewer that Scott's book is lacking because he doesn't start with a first-principles approach in all cases-- such an approach is not ideal in every case when learning in my opinion. This book stands as an outstanding addition to anyone's clockmaker library. Also, Scott's generalized escapement discussions and overall horology writing will benefit aspiring watchmakers as well.

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