

The Amateur's Lathe

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Treasure Trove of good informationBy Paul PfeifferI found this to be a treasure trove of good and helpful information. The original is dated. 1948. And the author is British, I think. But there's so much good stuff in here. I bought it based on a recommendation from the late George Thomas (in one of his books) for a version of indexing by gears. There is info on spinning metal, info that will help me with vernier calipers, how to make round laps, and more. It starts out for begginners (choosing and installing a lathe). It's actually one home machinist sharing everything he can think of to help a fellow home shop person out, and to share as many tips as he can remember. These old timers usually write good books, and I thought this one was very good.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dated, but lots of good tips for a small-lathe enthusiast.By M. McCollumThis book was originally copyrighted in 1948 and, as such, is a little outdated in places. For example, good luck finding authentic whale oil for quenching your home-made drill bits in! Nevertheless, I found this book to be a gold mine of tips tricks for using small hobby lathes. I particularly found the chapters on workholding and lathe milling helpful. There are some ideas for machining thin sheet stock that I've never seen anywhere else. If you are an amateur machinist who is always trying to do "more with less" I think you'll find this book a useful addition to your shelf.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dated but good.By Devin R. NoelA bit dated (references to whale oil 'n stuff), but 90% of the stuff hasn't changed when dealing with hobby lathe work. It's a good book to get started on lathe work on.

Here is a book that every amateur, every small garage proprietor and every light engineer will find of unending

interest. The author has succeeded in giving a complete course of instruction embracing almost every process that can be accomplished on the highly adaptable small lathe.