

The Complete Book of Pocketknife Repair: A Cutler's Manual

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Ben Kelley Jr. : The Complete Book of Pocketknife Repair: A Cutler's Manual before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Book of Pocketknife Repair: A Cutler's Manual:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not so complete and a bit datedBy JOHN from Staten IslandI bought it because there is little available on this topic and it didn't tell me muchThis book is more of a overview into the process with lots of encouragementNot a bad starting point but way too small to live up to it's title as there is not much on method or process inside18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. The Incomplete Book of Pocketknife RepairBy BruceA newcomer to pocketknife repair, this books gives me a start, but doesn't take me very far. It's a small and slim book to begin with (130 pages) but take away the appendix-like materials that are peripheral to repair (such as knife maintenance, sharpening, a section on angles for drill bit points (!), several reproduced Starrett reference tables, types of handle and blade patterns, and other peripheral information you can get from other sources) and the book's down to around 100 pages. Take away the section on the tools used for repair (which is definitely helpful, but there's a full page illustration of what a drill press looks like, another full page illustration of what a bandsaw looks like--you see where I'm going with this) and you're down to around 75 pages. Those remaining 75 pages are well-illustrated with big photos, but there isn't a whole lot of text here. What text does exist, is very good and informative! There's a 28-page sequence showing the repair of an old Case congress slipjoint, which is the sort of thing I purchased the book for, but new blades suddenly appear from nowhere in one of the sequence photos, and no explanation is given where they came from, how they were made, or how they were fitted to the knife. So after I've read the book in about

30 minutes, I find myself wishing the author simply spent more time talking to me about this subject and showing me techniques. He's obviously an experienced pro; just a little stingy with information. On the other hand, it's certainly a decent start, and I'm unaware of any other books out there on this subject, so if you're wanting to learn knife repair from a book, this appears to be one of your few options. I would recommend you get the book because the information that's here is good. Just don't expect the COMPLETE book of pocketknife repair! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More than I am able to do these days, but full of good information for some beginners By Clem Dwight Bryan Step by Step details on repairing knives, but it is past my skill level at my age and also with vision sight concerns

Pocket everything you need to know to repair almost any knife. Large photos of each step guide the reader through each project start to finish. Equipment lists, safety rules, and materials and equipment directory make this the most complete guide.