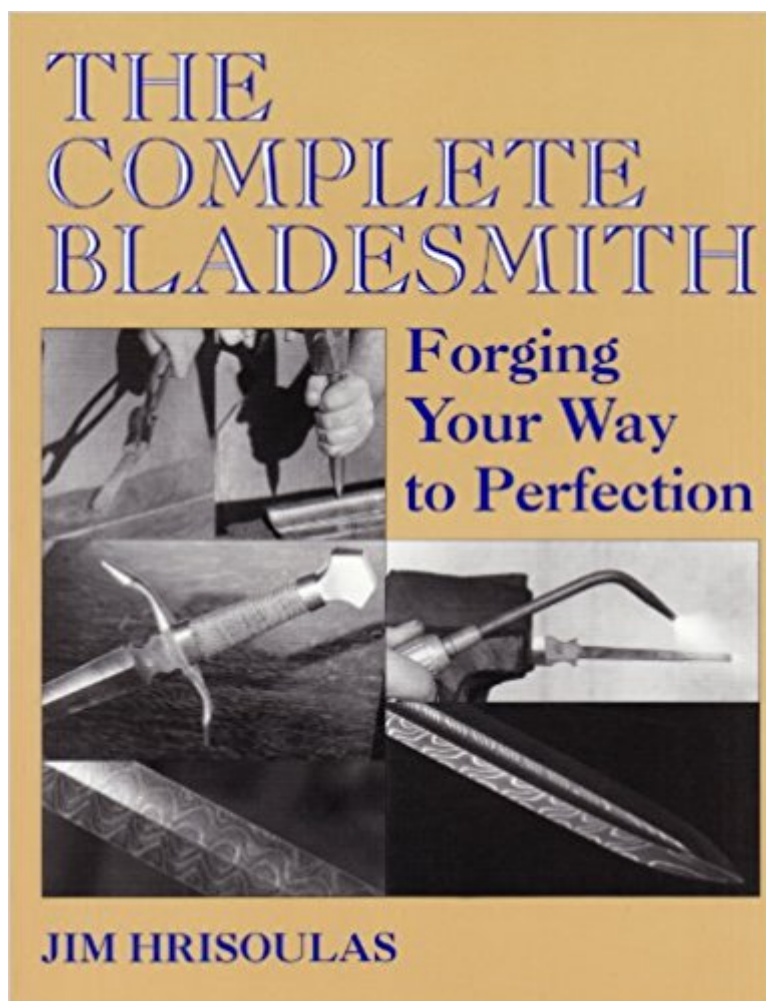


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# The Complete Bladesmith: Forging Your Way To Perfection



## Synopsis

Looking for instructions in bladesmithing that'll put you on the cutting edge of the custom blade market? Then this definitive guide to forging world-class blades is for you. Written by a master bladesmith, this book tells you how to set up your forge, select your materials, fashion grips and hilts, grind edges and much more!

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## Customer Reviews

Jim Hrisoulas is a master bladesmith specializing in medieval broadswords and daggers and Damascus pattern welding. He has almost 30 years of experience at the forge.

Great read, but seems more like an intermediate level read at times. That said, I'm still building my first smithy and have yet to swing a hammer on hot steel. I would definitely recommend this to any level, neophyte to well, someone with more skill than I. Lots of pearls inside.

This book has a lot of great info but it feels very old. The info is still valid and I learned a lot from it.

Great Book. There is a lot of information in this book that is a "must need" to know about working steel/iron for knife/sword making. I would suggest this book along with the videos of "how to" to get a more thorough understanding of forge working and working with steel.

Learned a few good things I had not thought of or seen yet, very well written. Whenever instructions were worded they were easy to follow and a lot of times included diagrams or photos. Informative in many areas of forging from Japanese and European to Damascus designs.

This a definitely a good book if one wishes to learn to beat steel into a working, practical blade. Even for those who are interested in "stock removal" method of blade making won't be disappointed as there are a few good information that they will find useful in their craft. A good section on steel and steel grades, hardening techniques and a whole section on differential heat treatment of samurai swords is in this book. But the biggest downside is the illustrations really is a let down. Simple amateurish lines that is sometimes hard to understand and aesthetically not very pleasing to the eye. The author could at least make the effort to at least have some professional illustrator to do these illustrations. Hence I'm giving it a 4 star.

Great book with Tons of information!! There's info about everything in book from putting a blue/patina on your blade to different heat treating methods and chemicals to use. I highly recommend this book!

very good book

Excellent!!

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