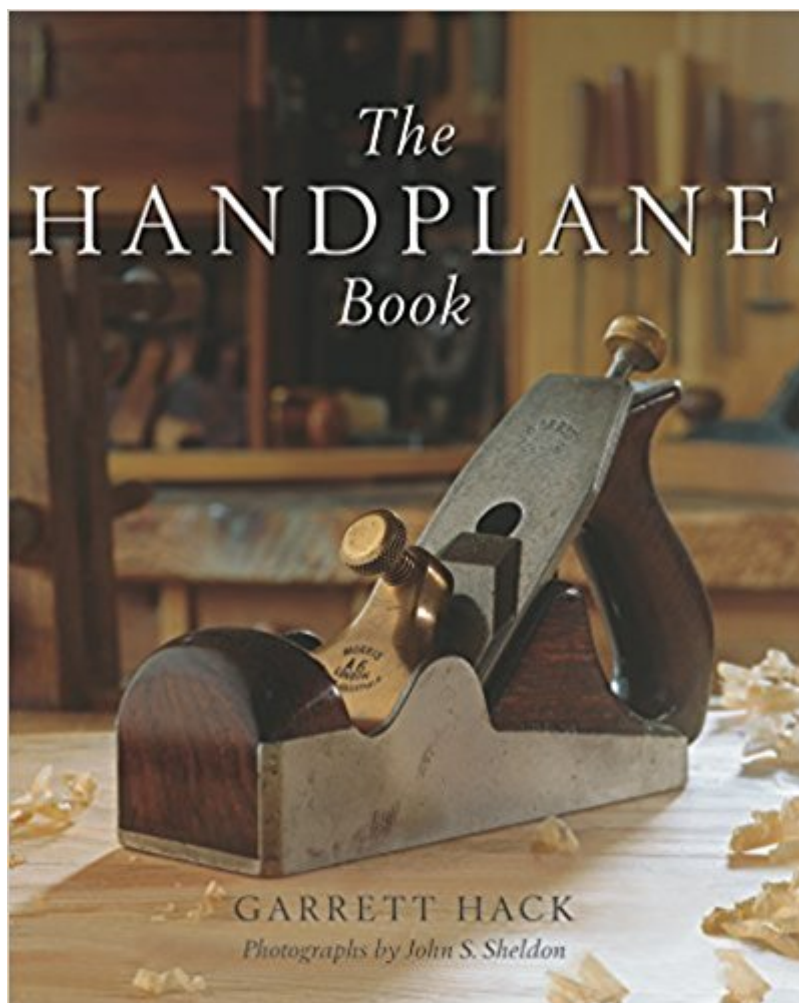


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# The Handplane Book (Taunton Books & Videos For Fellow Enthusiasts)



## Synopsis

The Handplane Book is a complete guide to one of the best known and most collectable hand tools. It covers all the basics, including how to buy a plane, tune it up, and use it. Fascinating background information on the development and manufacture of handplanes shows the rich heritage of this versatile tool. Focusing on planes from the golden age of the handplanes (19th and early 20th century), it also profiles tools from many sources around the world.

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## Customer Reviews

Woodworkers beware: Garrett Hack has put together a completely irresistible book, beautifully illustrated with color photographs, drawings, diagrams, and everything you would ever want or need to know about the handplane, the ultimate woodworker's tool. Hack covers the history of planes back to Roman times, and explains how to tune and sharpen a handplane, how to use the many different varieties properly, and how to purchase the right kind of plane. In a world where most woodwork is done with machine tools and mechanized wood-shaping devices, The Handplane Book is an ode to the wonders of the beautiful work done with a tool many modern woodworkers have probably forgotten. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Hack is a professional furniture maker. He is a regular contributor to Fine Woodworking magazine.

A beautiful book for the woodworking enthusiast. Lots of useful knowledge and beautiful photographs. If I'm ever a millionaire I will spend my fortune on hand planes and world peace.

A lot of background and nice photos of planes. The tuning and set up section could be improved though; not as concise or well organized as it could be. But still a great overview of historical planes, with IMHO too much emphasis on wooden planes and collecting. Not as concise a reference as the Lie-Nielsen videos online or *Working With Handplanes* (New Best of Fine Woodworking). But if you get through all the historical information it has excellent sections on plane use, adjustment and tuning. Very comprehensive on the use of planes in various trades, which is in a way interesting; but too much information on obscure planes. An interesting section on modern plane makers and auctions although slightly out of date. Good information on sharpening although nothing on sharpening systems. A lot of information on collecting and historical planes, and good advice on buying old planes. To paraphrase the most concise book report that I ever ran across "This book told me entirely more than I really wanted to know about planes". Still well worth the money and an outstanding reference.

Well written and illustrated. Caution: May cause a new tool obsession.

If you are going to buy one book on hand planes, make it this one. The author stated that none of the planes he purchased came with a user's guide and that he aimed to write one, he *\*absolutely\** succeeded in that. This book takes you through everything about a hand plane, from theory to tuning to buying and using one, it covers it all. The part that struck me that I hadn't realized is how important your bench is and how it relates to the way you're using the plane. I wasn't expecting a chapter on bench designs but now that I have read it I fully plan on changing my bench configuration. So much so that I am planning on building a new one that's more customized to the things I use my planes on. The pictures in the book are extremely high quality as well, they are well thought out and are placed in locations that make sense. They're so good that you're going to want to go out and buy at least a dozen new planes after seeing them.

The title caught my attention. After purchasing some nice power tools I discovered that I really did have to go back to basics but how do you really sharpen the blade of a hand plane, do you really need to tune up a plane, what gives? The answer is, yes you do! I discovered this book over a year

ago but I just waited to find it on the used book side, never did. This book is a how to with great explanations of "how to." This is a history book of the hand plane, and this is a beautiful coffee table book. Watch out, your wife may even pick this one up. If you are like me and watch your dollars and cents when it comes to your wood working you will find this a good use of your your hard earned wages especially if you want to know how from an expert. Garrett Hack really does know what he is talking about. Roger

The woodworker that recieved this book as a gift was thrilled. Great combination of handplane history and utility of handplanes. Beautiful, unusual gift for the woodworker in your life (or buy it for yourself)! As a woodworker myself, I highly recommend this book!

Loads and loads of cool info on hand planes. Nice book.

Some years ago a purchased the book this author wrote on Handtools and have read it about ten times. In that book the author made mention of this book he wrote on handplanes but I was not all that interested. Then in the last few years I have purchased a number of handplanes and began using them and realizing what wonderful and almost sensual tools they are. It was then I ordered the author's book of Handplanes and realized why he wrote an enire book on this subject. I can only say if you have an interest in handplanes of any kind, or age, or conditon this is the book to have. It covers everything you would want to know, including how to tune, reconditon, buy, sharpen, use, and identify about any handplane made. The photos are sumptuous. I cannot say how much I appreciete this book. I just keep reading it over and over and putting the information to work in my shop.

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