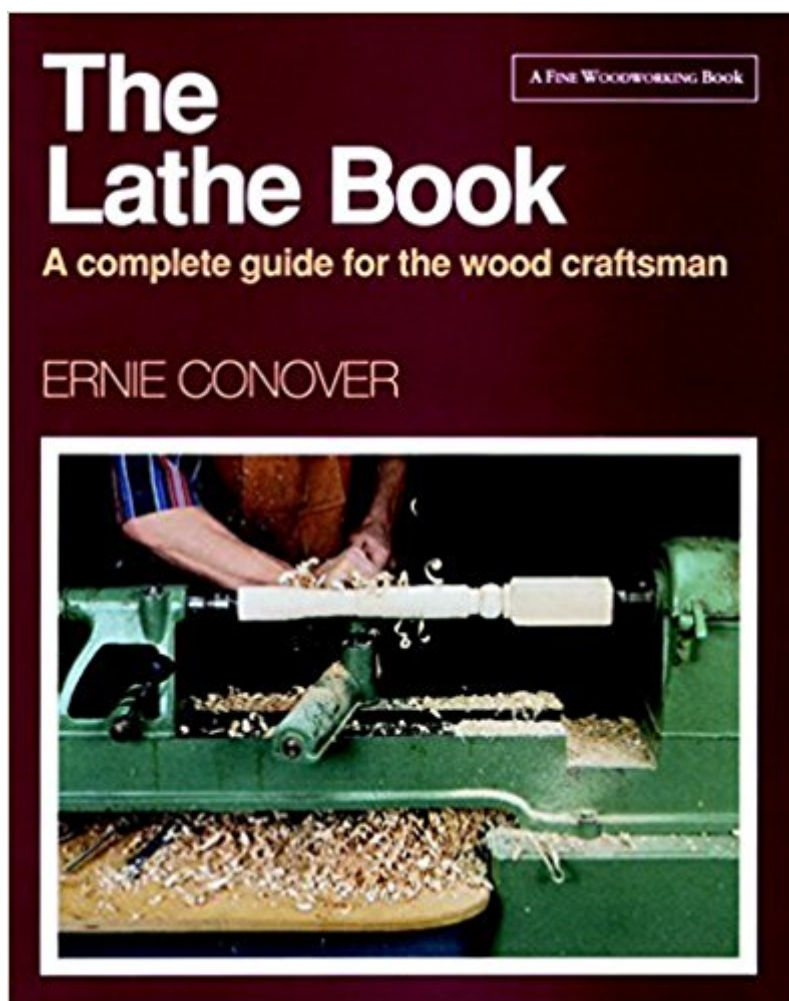


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# The Lathe Book: A Complete Guide To The Machine And Its Accessorie



## Synopsis

No other book gives you such valuable information on the essential turning tool. Completely revised and updated, The Lathe Book is the comprehensive guide to woodturning machinery, incorporating the many innovations in the lathe and its accessories. This book covers every aspect of the lathe, including how to choose one, how to select tools and accessories, how to maintain and repair the machine, and basic techniques. You will get: expert advice on choosing a lathe tips on maintaining a lathe for optimal performance easy-to-follow basic techniques that help build lathe skills more than 220 color photos and illustrations

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## Customer Reviews

Ernie Conover directs Conover Workshops, offering classes in a variety of woodworking techniques. He is the author of The Lathe Book (also published by The Taunton Press) and a contributor to Fine Woodworking, Woodworker, and other woodworking magazines.

Despite all compliments, I was quite disappointed due to lack of comprehensive coverage of the issues I was looking for. Bandsaw book, router book writers cover from all variety of the tools, buyers guide for new and used with many photos to compare. This book was not at that level.

Good book

ordering from these people was a joke I never got the product but they kept my money anyway. Had several e-mails to and from but for some reason they just would not take care of the problem. I would not recommend buying anything from these people I am just thankful that it was not a lot of money. Long story short, don't buy anything from MOTOR CITY BOOKS!

Ernie Conover book has a lot of interesting ideas. He seems like very pleasant man, some one you would enjoy meeting sometime.

Conover starts with descriptions of typical woodworking lathe construction, features, and advantages of different styles of lathes. There is a lot of discussion of lathe features and accessories. This is a good overview for someone to read BEFORE buying a lathe. There's also a good section on maintenance and repair. I found this very useful since I recently acquired a used lathe without a user manual. Your user manual probably doesn't discuss much overhaul, so it might be quite handy as well. He discusses various tools (gouges, chisels, etc.), how to grind / regrind / sharpen them, and how they're actually used. He describes a lot of basic techniques and types of cuts. I had some trouble following this section because I'm a complete lathe beginner. It took some rereading and experimentation. I think this is because Conover is primarily an expert turner and not so much a how-to writer. However, I think this is better because his craftsmanship comes through, and he's actually DONE what he describes -- the techniques are accurate have have been tested. I especially like his directions for building your own chucks, tools, and other accessories. It's too easy to slip into accessory envy (the New Yankee Workshop syndrome), where you feel like you have to buy a small fortune worth of chucks, tools, and accessories. Conover describes a lot of tricks that certainly cost less and probably work better than if you loaded up on toys at the woodworking store. His style here is great because it encourages you to come up with your own creative solutions. Finally, there is a short section with step-by-step instructions for three example projects: a finial, a drawer pull, and a Windsor stool. It might be good to add another book on just projects.

For \$10 I could rate this as a good book. It just doesn't have \$20 of usefull info. Its coverage of lathes to buy is very limited for a beginner. The section on making chucks, while usefull, is not anything you can't find on the web. The technique section is the big weak point. The author obviously has a great deal of skill, but does a terrible job of getting it across. This is especially true in his description of how to use the skew chisel. This is an OK first book, but should not be your only

book on how to use a wood lathe.

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