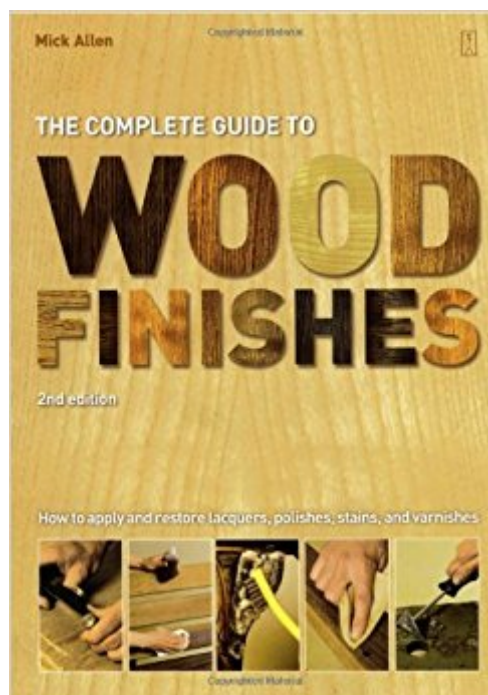




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# The Complete Guide To Wood Finishes: How To Apply And Restore Lacquers, Polishes, Stains And Varnishes



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This is a great little book that I will use as a reference well into the future. That's the only limitation it has and someone who is considering the purchase of this title needs to be aware of its narrow focus. While the first half of the book is a pretty good discussion of woodworking and wood

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Great book Lots of information

Being new to wood finishes I find the book very much informative and just what I was expecting. After doing one piece of furniture I was very satisfied with the results. Hopefully the next one will be a lot better. Thanks for a well written book.

Excellent.

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