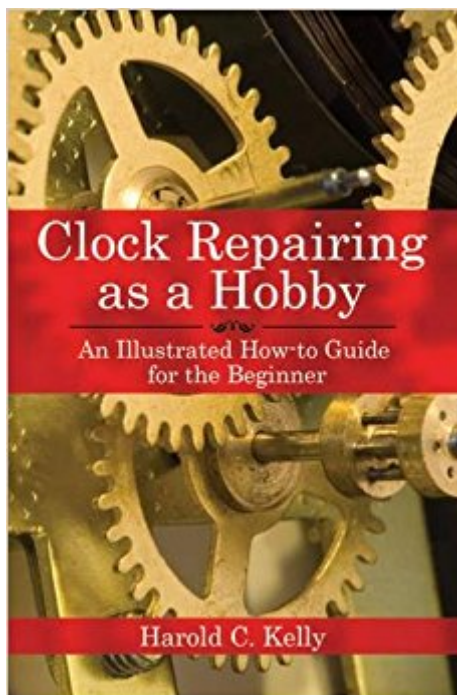




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# Clock Repairing As A Hobby: An Illustrated How-To Guide For The Beginner



## Synopsis

All of the precise and delicate gears and levers in a clock can appear dizzying to the amateur, but this guide, with its wonderfully detailed diagrams, can clear things up. It covers the theory behind clock movement and design, including the particulars of escapements, pendulums, balance wheels, and even the sheet music for popular chimes. The American striking clock, the 400-day clock, and the alarm clock receive special attention. The in-depth information, including explanations of clock repairing terminology and details on the tools, materials, and supplies that are needed for success, will benefit even skilled enthusiasts.

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## Customer Reviews

was an expert on clock and watch repair, and wrote several books on clock repairing, including, and the classic book.

"Clock Repairing as a Hobby", offers a rather good, if brief, description of the basic nomenclature and operation of several types of clock movements. The paper quality of the book is of the poorest paperback book kind. The illustrations are simple, hand drawn sketches, and although referenced in the text, do not often appear on the same or facing page as the text referencing them. This requires much flipping through the pages to see what is being described. I found the illustrations to be of some value, although some illustrations had labeled components that were not referenced in the text, and vice-a-verse. The relatively large section covering "Tools, Materials and Supplies" is a

complete waste of space and seems to be simple "filler". The section on "Special Repair Techniques", which is the only section addressing clock repair at all, does not contain any useful information except for a discussion of how to unwind one type of mainspring without killing yourself. You cannot expect to repair a clock movement from the information provided in this book, but it may well enhance your interest in further study of the subject.

This book is written for the man that has never seen the inside of a mechanical clock, like myself. It names the parts and explains the theories of operation of different clocks. It shows some of the repairs that you may be asked to make but it doesn't go into too much detail. It shows you some of the tools you'll need to buy and how they are used. And, depending on how deeply you want to get into it, some of the more expensive tools that are out there. Many of the topics can be further studied by watching internet videos. For starters, it tells you how to safely unwind a clock, clean it, oil it, search for problems, place it back in operation and set the pendulum's beat. I thought it was informative and I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking about the hobby but doesn't know what's involved. My only complaint was that it was only 175 pages long (kindle edition). It was interesting but I consumed it in two days.

There are two books by him exactly the same with which I bought both but was disappointed to have wasted money basically for a second copy. Only difference was the publish date, I feel this should be illegal to do this, just my opinion. Would suggest Practical clock repairing by Donald DE Carle promise this is a 5 star book and you won't be disappointed. Jack Johnston

Very happy to have it on hand!

Informative.

I was expecting something a bit more entry level. This could be my fault though.

I am a beginner but this small text had very little content. I guess that it is a nice little overview though.

This book is a good primer for clock repair. Good for the beginner. If you already know the principles behind bushings, mechanical operation, striking, cleaning, etc, then you will probably not benefit

from this book. This was probably the first or second book I bought on clock repair, and it was worth it then.

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