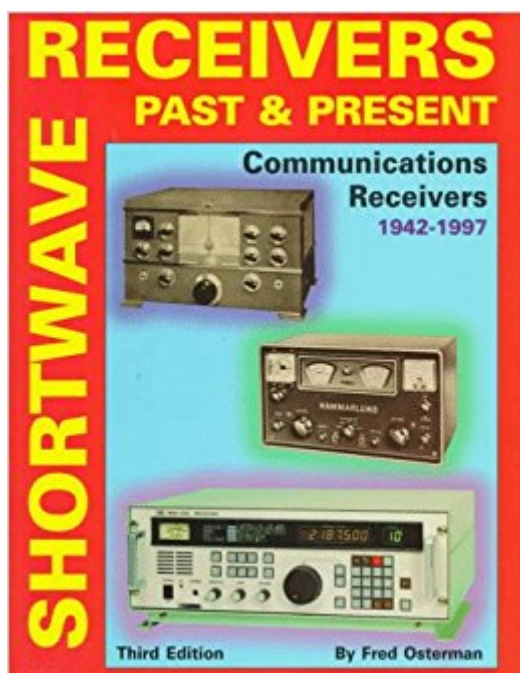


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If you are into old shortwave radios this is the book for you. It has tons of technical information on 100s of radios. It even gives you the original cost of the radio and expected prices (at the time of the publication of the book). The author is well known for his great books in this hobby including amateur radio. This is a new version of this book. I don't have the newer version but I would guess that the newer version including everything in this book and information about newer radios. I recently did a review of this book on my YouTube channel (hamrad88) which will give some details of what is in the book. This is a must have book for shortwave hobbyist.

Most of you who are looking for this book already know that it has become difficult to find since it has gone out of print. Be careful, as there are two versions. This 1942-1997 version is 473 pages

long. The 1945-1996 version is usually less expensive, but is only 351 pages long. I would rather spend the extra money to get the more complete book. The information in this book will entertain and enlighten you for hours on end, day after day! Highly recommended! I might buy a few more of these for gifts before they disappear completely from the market!

Fred has done an excellent job of cataloging a wide range of shortwave receivers from the early WWII "boat anchors" up through the modern integrated-circuit PLL synthesized high performance radios of the 1990s. He not only covers the usual radios such as Collins, Drake and National but also the more obscure like the beautiful Gelosos from Italy (I DROOLED over those in catalogs in the '50s). I guarantee you this book will raise your appreciation for the radios created by the gifted engineers (and the "dogs" created by some NOT so gifted ones) - these wonderful devices not only entertain and educate us but help save lives at sea and keep our countries safe.

Yes, this is a catalog of base receivers, 1945-now. Osterman provides many useful informations, and if it may be true that some informations may not be useful to an european reader (e.g. the 'used' prices), you will not find a so comprehensive guide elsewhere. Another book will be dedicated to portable sw radios. Osterman is not God, so many data are provided by the readers: it's the way the informations flow in the scientific communities, why not here? If you are an european reader, and you know something Osterman does not, write him. I've done so, and a new chapter in this edition was added with the informations I retrieved.

Classic book!

This massive volume of almost 500 pages, covers 770 shortwave models from 1942-1997. There are only two things wrong with this book: 1. it stops at 1997, and 2. it is no longer in print. However those two complaints are now in the process of being satisfied. According to the Universal Radio website, a new and updated 4th edition is in the works and is scheduled to be released late 2012. Highly recommended.

The Shortwave Receivers Past & Present: Communications Receivers 1942-1997 is an excellent resource book for collectors and those interested in used radios. There are pictures specs and evaluations of hundreds for the shortwave radios in this era. If you are in the market for a used receiver or a collector this is an invaluable resource. Also provided is a realistic pricing of the true

value of each receiver as well as a 1 to 5 star evaluation based on the author's many years in the hobby. This is the Bible for radio hobbyists on the subject

Fred has written a very comprehensive book on shortwave receivers that includes a look at some rare and exotic receivers. It is directed at mostly table top or rack mount receivers but discusses a few portables. Notably missing is the Barlow-Wadley portable whose principles inspired many of the receiver designs in this book. If you are a radio collector this book is a "must have".

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