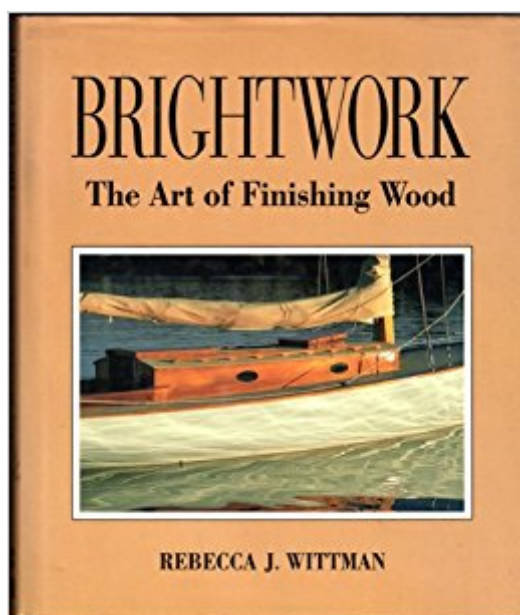


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# Brightwork: The Art Of Finishing Wood



## Synopsis

Brightwork is rarity among boating and boat maintenance books: a beautiful how-to book, with 59 lush four-color photographs that celebrate the incomparable look and texture of oiled, varnished, and bare wood surfaces on boats. Rebecca Wittman's meticulously thorough yet graceful and entertaining text details in 17 chapters how to achieve such stunning results. Chapter include choosing Finishes; The Yacht Refinishing Commandments: Stripping Old Finishes; Intermediate Prep Work; Oiling; The Varnishing Prelude; Varnishing; Maintaining and Repairing Varnish; Rescuing Teak Decks; Tools; and Materials. A glossary and an appendix on safety, both personal and environmental, complete the book.

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## Customer Reviews

"Everyone who does varnishing should have this book!--Wittman does an outstanding job of educating in all there is to know about this critical stage of boat restoration--A superb book I highly recommend." (Classic Boating)"It's elegant--elegant as the work it describes so successfully, elegant in its writing, elegant in its photography." (Sail)"Packed with useful information for both amateur and professional refinishes alike--A first class and highly readable text that should be mandatory reading for anyone who owns or is contemplating owning a wood-trimmed vessel--The book's only drawback is that it's so beautifully illustrated that you'll need to buy a second copy to replace the one assigned to your coffee table." (Sailing) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“As well as being a comprehensive guide to wood finishing, this work celebrates the beauty of brightwork on boats. •WoodenBoat “A first class and highly readable text that should be mandatory reading for anyone who owns or is contemplating owning a wooden trimmed vessel. •Sailing “It’s elegant as the work it describes so successfully, elegant in its writing, elegant in its photography, and elegant physically as a volume. •SAIL “Brightwork provides all the information you need to avoid frustrations and costly mistakes and derive the greatest satisfaction from a process that can be its own reward. •A Cruising World “Editor’s Choice • Few things transform a boat into a yacht quite as gracefully as the incomparable look and texture of oiled, varnished, and bare wood surfaces. Drawing on her decades of brightwork experience, Rebecca Wittman shows you how to diagnose and cure a deteriorating finish, when cracked and flaking varnish can be patched and when it must be stripped and a new finish applied, how much sanding is truly necessary, and much more. Rebecca Wittman cofounded The Teak Twins custom yacht refinishers in 1978 and has taught brightwork seminars at Seattle’s Center for Wooden Boats. She is also the author of The Brightwork Companion (2004). --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

EXCELLENT. I loved Ms. Wittman’s very strong stance on the steps involved in refinishing brightwork. It leaves no doubt as to what a very successful brightwork finisher believes, from vast experience, it the best way to obtain a great result. My results have been pretty good but I know with experience they will get better. I highly recommend this excellent book.

I can not be more pleased with this purchase. This book teaches without being boring. The author had me laughing and learning after reading just a couple of pages. Even if you don’t have seasonal brightwork to deal with you’ll enjoy reading this author. Her knowledge is transferable to applying finishes to just about any woodworking project. Take the plunge and buy this book.

Excellent book. Shows what to look for and how to treat it from stripping to final finish. Author mentions many of the products she uses for first class results, saving one from experimenting with lesser products/tools/techniques. Good advice on tool maintenance and various products that work better in some applications but not others, safety concerns and equipment, etc. Every detail is covered to give one a good idea of what to expect and how to tackle the full job. She shares a

lifetime of experience that gives one no excuses for shabby looking finishes. The only item missing is where to find a blue light special on elbow grease. Rebecca has a good sense of humor throughout the book; she even shares methods on how to avoid consuming snake sandwiches! If you do a lot of varnish work, buy this book. It will save you serious time, effort and money learning the tricks of the trade and doing the job right the first time.

A bit outdated, but the fundamentals are great. Sure wish the updated version was still available or at least available at a reasonable price.

Fine book. Practical and helpful.

Refinishing my brightwork started out as a nuisance, but as I tried to reproduce the beautiful varnish surfaces the boat had when I bought her, I found that I was woefully unprepared. I asked "professionals," read magazines and searched through books at the chandlerys, and found nothing that answered the questions I had. After all, renewing my brightwork was no longer a chore, it was now more like the search for the holy grail. Rebecca's book is exactly what I was looking for. The definitive book on brightwork. Kudos Rebecca for a job well done. Worth every penny at twice the price.

This is a definitive work on how to accomplish a positive and lasting outcome to tackling the time consuming activity of refinishing your boat's brightwork. A must read even if you will not be accomplishing this task yourself, so that you thoroughly understand the work that will have to be performed.

I ordered this book by Rebecca Wittman not knowing what to expect. Not only is this book informative but also very enjoyable reading. If you have questions about your brightwork on your boat, this book can and will answer just about all things needed to keep the brightwork 'bright' !! Bought a used copy and it was in great shape as promised. Thank you !!

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