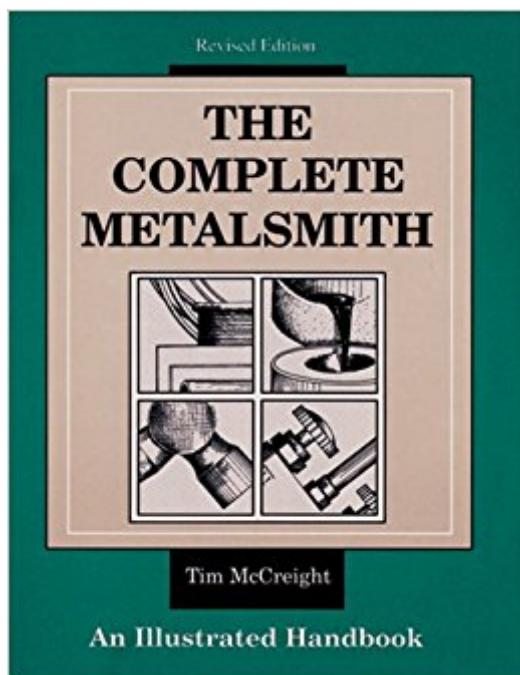


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My dad likes to tinker in his spare time, and he claims this has given him a fair amount of new tricks, ideas, and thoughts to do just that with when he has time to pull into his shop. Haha. Dad approved - a must have for tinkerers!

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nice book, lots of info on all aspects of working metal, illustrated and low cost options. it's not a picture book on designs, just very helpful info.

A great resource for any metal jewelry designer. Very practical. Good illustrations and/or photos throughout. I recommend this to any jewelry maker, but especially to someone new to metal jewelry designing.

Great reference to find solutions to problems at the bench quickly. Highly recommend, I have it next to my bench at all times.

This is a great reference for anyone working with metals. I've owned a copy of this for nearly 20 years and bought this one to give as a gift to a friend who is just starting. There are so many times when you would just like to have a clue how to approach something or to know what your options are and this book lays them all out for you. The drawings are fairly clear as long as you are somewhat analytical. It also helps to be in a classroom situation so this is not your only "teacher." Great helping reference though!

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