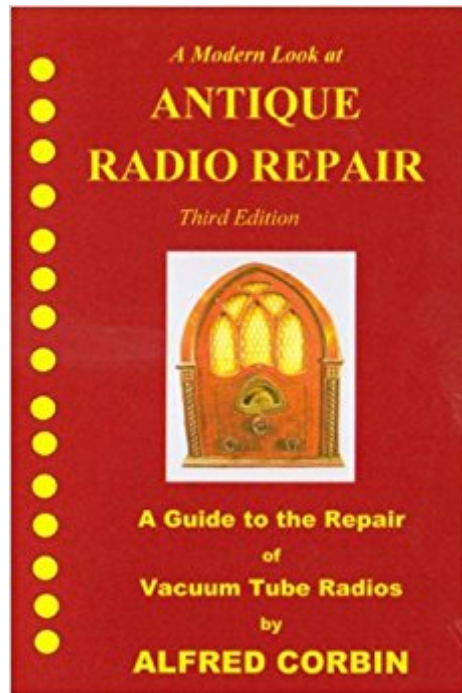




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Customer Reviews

First thing's first - I don't know if I'd classify this as a "beginner" book. I'll leave that to other reviewers. Everybody's different when it comes to his/her knowledge with electronics, and I definitely would not want to mislead anyone. That being said, this is really a great book. Antique Radio Repair 3rd Edition takes the budding antique radio aficionado like myself from crawl to walk to run. This book combined with the now out of print Antique Radio Restoration Guide by David Johnson is all you need to get started and take a nonworking radio from fatigued to fantastic. Mr. Corbin does a great job in the first 50 pages of walking the reader through two schematics from start to finish, explaining what each part does and why. Perfect. There were a few instances where I saw symbols on the schematic that I didn't recognize. Not a big deal at all, and thus my suggestion to find a reference online somewhere. If you can find the David Johnson book you're further along as to tube types, etc. though. I really can't say enough good things about this book. The binding is designed so it lays flat on your workspace. That attention to detail is a big plus. You know Mr. Corbin "practices what he preaches". He also is the rare author that responds to emails! So do yourself a favor and pick up this book, and while you're at it pick up the 3 DVDs in the "Bret's Old Radios Presents Antique Radio Restoration" series. I can't honestly say enough good things about them also (Bret also is someone that answers emails - not just leaving you to flap in the wind if you have a question). With those DVDs and this book, you're on your way to repairing that first set....and many many in the years to come.

I must say I found it to be useful, especially for the beginner. But not enough information. Too short and sweet. But if you are just starting out...It is a great starter tool.

I purchased this book based on the reviews that were there. While this book does have some good troubleshooting information in it, it is so disorganized that making heads or tails is almost

impossible. You quickly go from basic troubleshooting to serious tube circuit and electronics theory fast. Too fast! If you have no previous background in electronics you will find yourself lost in a maze of schematics and little to help you out of it. Now I have some background in electronics so I was able to muddle my way though, but this would be NASTY to the beginner. There is very and I mean very little information related to the cosmetic aspects of radio restoration. Now this would not bother me if the book did not have the word restoration in it's title. Now like I said if you want to see why your old Zenith 5-S-29 has a hum when you turn it on this book will tell you. It will even tell you want to replace. After this you will go into schematic wonderland and wonder how you got there. The book also has a bad habit of jumping all over the place. If you are going to talk about tubes then talk about tubes. There are two chapters on tubs. WHY? If there is enough for one chapter then just put it in one chapter. This book is OK to have, but I really think there are better resources out there.

Al, I just finished your book. I read it in two nights. Fantastic! It's so refreshing when someone can explain concepts using layman's language. I've been dabbling in electronics/radio all my life but have always been confused by many concepts. All the books I've read get very technical and subsequently I get frustrated. I can now look at a schematic of an AA5 and can finally "see" the flow of electrons through the circuit. I cannot wait to fix my next radio. I now have a basic understanding of how to troubleshoot which was always a dead end street for me. Between your book and two others written by Richard McWorther, I have amassed a wealth of knowledge. All the pieces of the puzzle finally fell in place. If you have written any other books that you feel would be helpful please let me know. Thanks again Al!! Phil M Milford, CT

My lifelong experience has been in the construction engineering field and did not venture into the field of radio, so i was limited in my hands on knowledge. Alfred Corbin's book has enabled me to feel confident by giving me an insightful look into many of the problem solving aspects of this endeavour. Much like many of the courses taught in the service the reader, or student, is given a brief history of the course, and then slowly you are involved in more challenging projects. I highly recommend this book to anyone of any age who has even the slightest desire to begin learning about antique radio's. Antique Radio Repair and Restoration, 4th Edition

There are several good books available regarding the repair and/or restoration if antique radios and I have most of them. All of them have their strengths and weaknesses. All of them have added to my knowledge of vintage radio repair. Antique Radio Repair by Alfred Corbin is one I have recently

added to my collection. There is a significant amount of easy to read technical information and a wealth of lessons learned during Mr. Corbin's career. If you repair or restore vintage radios, or plan to in the future, I would recommend you add this book to your collection.

Absolutely fantastic book for anyone wanting to repair those treasured beauties from the past. For years, I had difficulty with some electronic theory not sticking, but this book explains it in a clear, concise manner that makes learning absolutely fun. Cannot recommend it enough.

If you don't have any other books on antique radio restoration this one will be a decent starter book. It's a little more interesting to read than some technical books. But. . .if you have another book or two on antique radio repair don't expect anything new to be revealed.

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