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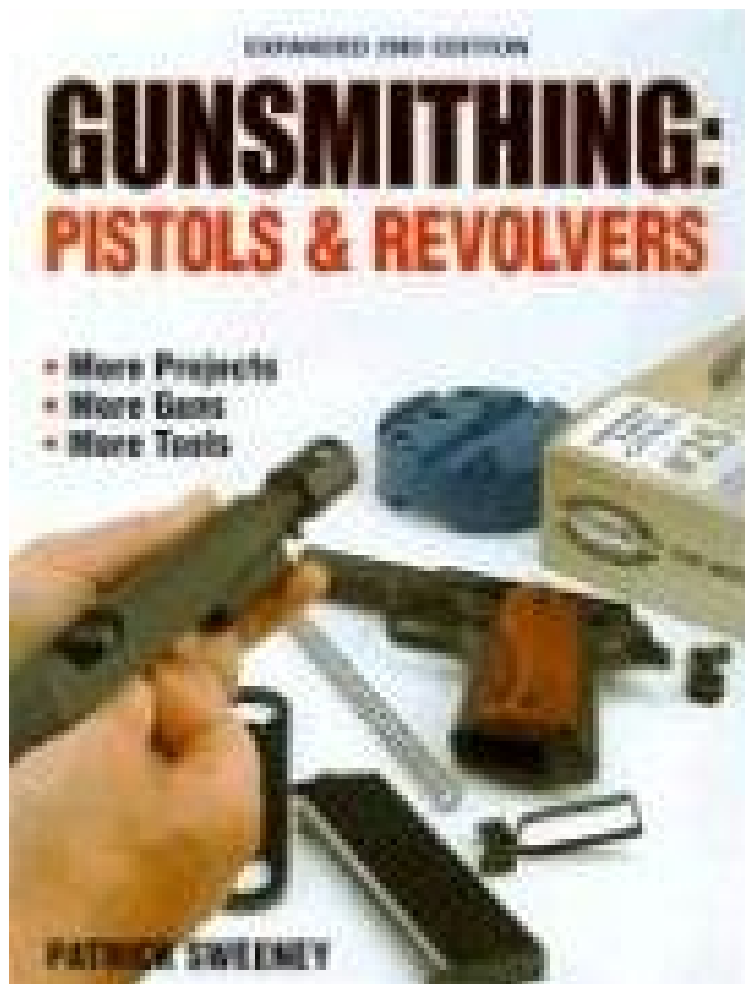
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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A nice practical guide with some extra goodiesBy Paul KoningI haven't done any gunsmithing to speak of. But with this book in hand, I feel that I will be able to do some basic repairs myself if the need arises. Another review mentions that cylinder retiming isn't covered. Really? I distinctly remember reading about that topic. One reason I bought this book is for a subject I haven't seen covered elsewhere: how gun actions work. I had no clue how an automatic pistol actually operates (or, for that matter, a revolver, beyond the superficially obvious). Sweeney describes the basics well and clearly, with the help of photos of "cut away" automatics. It certainly is not a survey of all the types of automatic action that exist, but it covers the 1911 quite well, and with that background, others (like Glock or Boberg) are much easier to understand as variations on a common principle. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. VG Overall - Some LimitatrionsBy Master HahnDecent book on a more obscure, limited audience topic. Some limitations present. 3 of 3 people found the following review

helpful. A good basic introductionBy J. LavalleyIf you plan to do any work on your guns at home this book is a good idea as it runs through the basics for each type. Are you going to build a custom 1911 with it? No, but how many folks really do?If a better understanding of how your guns work, how to do basic modifications or what is involved with a modification is your goal you'll find it here. The only downside is that the whole book could do with some updating and better photos.

With the guidance of top gunsmith Patrick Sweeney, beginners, as well as serious enthusiasts, are able to diagnose handgun problems--for once they're the experts, deciding whether to do their own work or leave it up to the professionals. Profusely illustrated step-by-step instructions are presented for do-it-yourself minor repairs and major upgrades, from the how-tos of diagnosing malfunctions in both revolver and semi-automatic pistols to what corrective steps can be taken to solve them. Sweeney provides a complete look at repairs and upgrades: setting up an efficient and organized workplace, what gunsmithing tools are needed to complete projects, and a thorough series of mini-projects--teaching professional tool-use techniques. Plus, there are chapters on cleaning, polishing and minor repairs, welding and metal joining, recoil reduction, and refinishing. And new to this edition, gunsmithing tips are included for polymer-framed pistols.

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