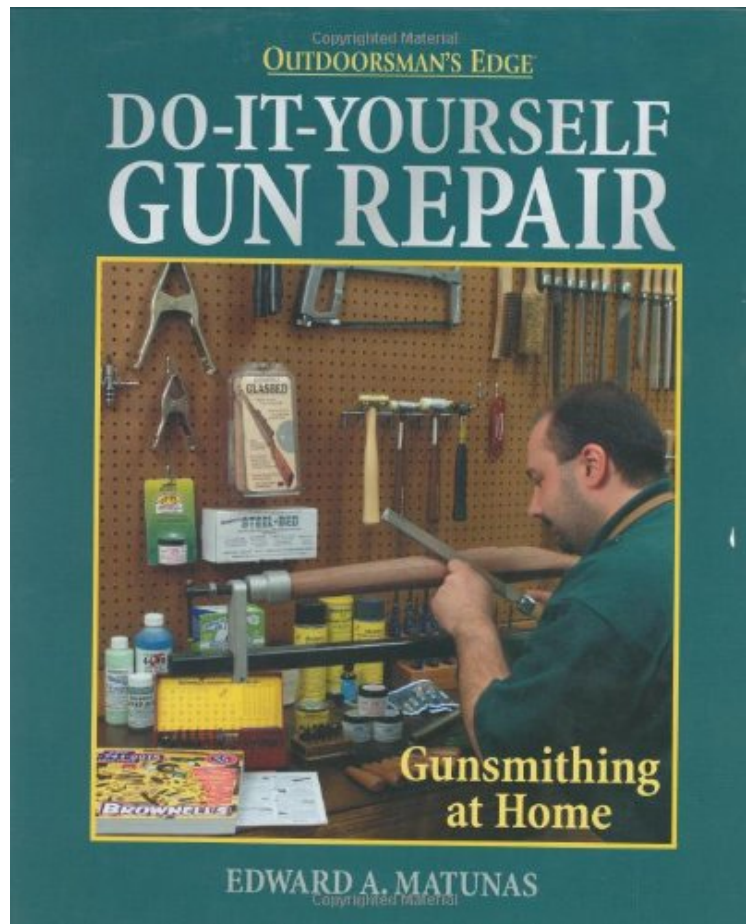


## Do-It-Yourself Gun Repair

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**Edward A. Matunas : Do-It-Yourself Gun Repair** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Do-It-Yourself Gun Repair:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but it turns out there is a lot of good info here By The Great Gadfly I thought this book might be too basic, but it turns out there is a lot of good info here. I really think everybody would do well to read this book, if for nothing else, to appreciate the value of your local gunsmith. Pretty quickly it becomes apparent that to do many jobs right, purchasing high-quality specialized tools is necessary, and it doesn't make sense for every guy with a gun out there to have many of these tools. I know of people who buy 800 dollar scopes and then just crank 'em down with an ill-fitting Harbor Freight screw driver or whatever. Maybe it would be worth paying a gunsmith for a half-hour (which will be about 30 bucks) to put on that \$800 scope right? The importance of cleaning and the gradual degradation of accuracy due to barrel fouling is addressed. I cannot emphasize enough that 90% of the rifles I've encountered which couldn't shoot (and it wasn't because of a corroded, pitted barrel) was due to extremely heavy copper fouling. It seems like that maybe 5% of people manage to thoroughly clean their rifles, and it is no wonder, the junk cleaning kits sold in stores are next to useless. I really appreciated how Matunas went though

cleaning!30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Terrific value at this priceBy Joe DMost of us have come to understand the differences between performing routine maintenance and accessory installation, and chambering and fitting a new barrel. If you are standing in the midst of expensive machinery, and you know how to use the equipment with a quality result, you don't need this book. If you'd like to install your own scopes, recoil pads, replace small parts and tinker with a gun to improve its accuracy, you would probably find this book to be useful."Do-It-Yourself Gun Repair" is presented into five logical parts: An Approach to Gunsmithing in the Home Workshop, Basic Maintenance and Repair, Disassembly - Repair and Reassembly of Popular Firearms, Advanced Techniques, and The Final Steps. The book begins by showing ways of assessing if your firearms need work or maintenance, then it move on to a chapter dedicated to determining the scope of work that could reasonably attempted. There is a chapter presenting common and useful hand tools and a brief section covering frequently used power tools. The section that follows, which addresses the work area, special tools and parts supplies is pretty sketchy. A chapter titled "Thinking Like a Gunsmith" is thoughtful, but not substantial enough in content to assist someone in acting on some of the suggestions."Basic Maintenance" is more of a page filler. It mostly advises how to clean a firearm, something that could be found in many sources, including packaged in a cleaning kit. A follow on section covering analyzing and correcting accuracy problems is well written and, based on my own experience, would be very useful to almost anyone. "Ten Easy Gunsmithing Projects" is OK, but the projects are a little specialized and most lead to purchasing tools or material Brownells. The section isn't bad, I just believe there are more universal and common projects, and I am not taking a poke at Brownells. They are one of the best tool and material sources out there for us gun owners. There is an excellent section regarding proper scope mounting that results in centered optics and proper hardware alignment, and included the proper use of shims under mounts for the purpose of leveling. This is an area so fundamental to good accuracy and frequently people don't take the time to perform this task correctly. The section on various firearm disassembly and assembly is actually very good. The author includes popular firearms, very good illustrations and photos, assembly tips, and coverage of common problem correction for each specific firearm. Some of the information offered in other sections is not so directly useful. You are not going to learn how to checker from half a page of text and one picture of a checkering tool; artistic craft work takes a lot of talent and practice to master. There is an eight page chapter, chapter 23, dedicated to drilling and tapping a firearm for sights that is decently done, but you would need to purchase a \$160 B Square Professional Drill Jig or a \$400+ Foster Scope Mounting Jig to do the job, and you would have to possess the basic skills of drilling and tapping and how to properly set up fixtures. There is a good information addressing the repair of stocks and fitting a recoil pad, but they all presume prior woodworking and machine operating skills and the use of some specialized machinery and fixtures. Work of this types, to justify the cost of fixtures, needs to be a frequent requirement or it is easier and less expensive to drop the gun off with a good gunsmith. Still, it doesn't hurt to know what you are asking a gunsmith to accomplish when you purchase services.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Don't waste your time or moneyBy William L. MurphyThis could have been a helpful book if the publisher had elected to put legible illustrations in it. The gray-scale images are so poorly reproduced that they can't be adequately viewed, especially for actually dismantling and reassembling a firearm. The images are of low resolution and very dark, which renders the illustrations useless. Don't waste your money.

Now you can learn to diagnose and repair a wide variety of hunting firearms in the convenience of your home workshop and save yourself a bundle of money, too. Worn or broken parts? Less-than-perfect accuracy? A crack in your stock? No problem! With the detailed information and clear, step-by-step illustrations in this authoritative guide, you'll learn to identify and correct common problems quickly, easily and safely. Find out what tools you'll need, how to set up your work area, which supplies to keep on hand, how to make basic and advanced gun repairs and more. You'll also find instructions for the disassembly, repair and assembly of seven of the most popular firearmsthe Remington 700, 1100 and 870; Winchester 94; Savage 110 and Marlin 336 and 70much of which can be applied to other guns with similar actions. Each entry is lavishly illustrated with photos, drawings, exploded views, a parts list and more. If you're a hunter or shooter who wants to keep your rifle, shotgun or handgun in top working order, make space for this book on your library shelf.

From the PublisherFor gun collectors and gun enthusiasts alike, if you want to do your own gun repair or simple maintenance, this book is what you will need. Excellent, detailed description of each task is accompanied by superb close-up photos. We printed this book in a large format just so you will be able to keep it open while following along with a certain project. If you currently work on your own guns, or are thinking about doing so, then this book belongs on your shelf!From the Back CoverDo-It-Yourself Gun Repair: Gunsmithing at Home Do-It-Yourself Gun Repair is an authoritative guide to maintaining, repairing, and improving rifles, shotguns, and handguns. Expert gunsmith Edward Matunas provides detailed instructions for accomplishing the most common gun repair and maintenance procedures, including diagnosing problems with your firearms, replacing worn parts, and improving the accuracy of your guns. The book also included a section devoted to the disassembly, repair, and reassembly of seven of the most popular firearms. This special section contains detailed exploded views and parts lists. Chapters include: Selecting the

right tools for outfitting your workshop Replacing firing pins, extractor, and ejectors Analyzing and correcting accuracy problems Installation of scopes, mounts, sights, and recoil pads Repairing splits and cracks in stocks