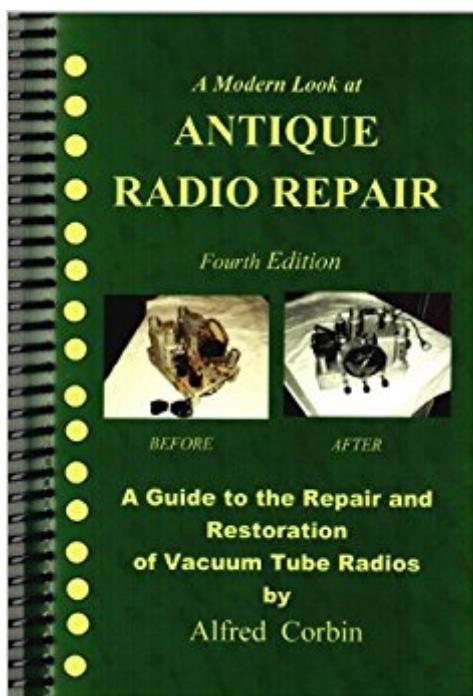


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This is a self-published book. The book contains some good material about tubes, troubleshooting, schematics, safety tips, and general information about typical AM radio electronics. It is a good text for a beginner. Not too technical, but enough to explain why some things work as they do. The author also seems genuinely helpful and offers an email address for clarifications. The primary drawback is the self-published style. The diagrams and schematics are sometimes missing, unreadable, or poorly reproduced (think shrinking a 8 1/2" x 11 schematic to about 4x7). There are also no cross-references to the schematics in the text such as "See Schematic 2 on Page X). You are left to dig, sometimes several pages later, to try to match up text with schematics or diagrams. The whole text could use a good editing pass to fix typos and remove duplication. There is no index. The glossary is minimal.

At first I was hesitant in purchasing ARR&R because the book was spiral bound book. I am so happy I did buy it because it is EXCELLENT! Where other books give explanations and directions, assuming the reader already understands certain procedures or elements of electronics, Mr. Corbin does an outstanding job of explaining not only radio restoration, but the electronics that's involved in easy to understand language without talking down to the reader or overestimating their background knowledge. Wonderful definitions and simple, yet complete explanations make you feel like you're sitting down with a good friend that's telling you about his beloved hobby. It's not a stiff, class text book. It's a well done book with large type that's easy on your eyes and the brain cells! I'd love to see it in hardback or even a nice paperback if a fifth edition comes out.

Enjoyed this book and recommend it to anyone who's considering working on these old tube radios, either for themselves or perhaps for others as well. Mr. Corbin is doubtlessly qualified and has put together a book that will be beneficial in many ways. Some things seem to get repeated several times, but that may be an intentional move to reinforce important points. In addition, I found an occasional mistake in one or two of the schematics, but nothing that would impede learning from this otherwise well done volume.

Good stuff in here. Just that it needs more detail. I'm trying to find books from the experienced restorer on how to start, what to expect, and how to start with a walk-through to the polished case.

Didn't quite find it in this book though.

Well written and easy to understand if you commit the time to it. There is a lot of material here. I recently got into repairing old radios and this helped with understanding them better. I purchased 4 books on the subject and hit the library. This was the most useful to help teach me how they work. I do wish it had a wire spiral binding rather than the plastic though.

A very good read.

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