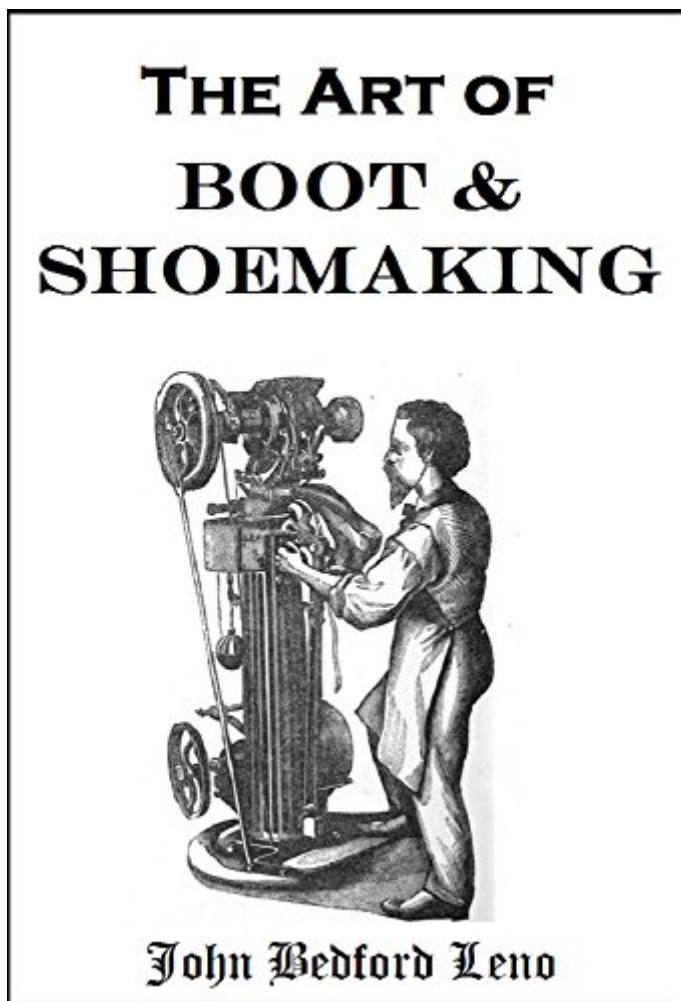


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# The Art Of Boot And Shoemaking



## Synopsis

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I read the description, not the reviews, this book is a reprint of a book first published in 1885. Unless you are already a cobbler, wishing to reproduce shoes from a bye bye gone era, this is a waste of money for you. If however you want a book on the history of shoe making, with no real instruction in the craft, go for it. I can't rate this book honestly because I didn't buy it for those reasons.

there is a lot of information in this book. just keep in mind that is is very very dry reading. will not teach you how to make shoes but teach you how to make better shoes.

Really outdated book, not very useful unless there is a historical interest. Not useful for shoemaking.

My son has an interest in becoming a shoe-maker and we were looking for a practical book that would help him with the practical techniques of shoe and boot making. This was the book he was looking for.

Having gone through I have not been able to find or buy some of the materials mentioned in the book which I needed to complete a project. I am sorry I will not be able to give correct preview because I have not completed anything. I hope an update of new materials that are alternative to the old materials could be suggested so that one could then manage, but as a novice, you have no clue of what to do or whom to ask for advice. I am in limbo at the moment until I can figure out what I can or how I can complete this journey of mine.

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