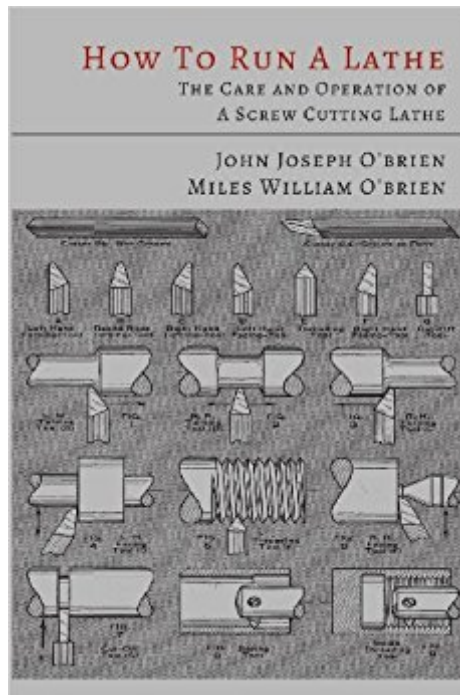


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# How To Run A Lathe: The Care And Operation Of A Screw Cutting Lathe



## Synopsis

2013 Reprint of 1942 Edition. Full facsimile of the original edition, not reproduced with Optical Recognition Software. South Bend Lathe Works sent out this manual with every Lathe they sold. Profusely illustrated. You get everything you need to set up a lathe and get it running. This is the lathe manual that Dave Gingery raves about. You get eleven chapters: history and development of the lathe, setting up and leveling the lathe, operation of the lathe, lathe tools and their application, how to take accurate measurements, plain turning (work between centers), chuck work; taper turning and boring, drilling reaming and tapping, cutting screw threads, and special classes of work. All the basics are here from sharpening drills to producing "super-finished" turned bearings, grinding valves, and turning multiple screw threads.

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Just what I needed - a how-to book that can stay in the shop next to my lathe. The cover is rubberized and should be easy to keep smudge-free. The writing style is typical pre-war American - every reader must be a young man starting his apprenticeship in the machine-shop trade, and therefore will benefit from helpful guidance in the areas of workplace neatness, respect for authority, comportment, and hygiene. All that aside, it provides an easy to comprehend picture of what a lathe is all about and how to bring out its capabilities. I'm an old man just starting out my golden years with a 1966 Mori Seiki engine lathe, and with no prior machine shop knowledge I should be able to do well with this book showing the way.

With an inexpensive reprint like this available, I see no reason to read the darned thing as a .pdf on my computer. Much more enjoyable this way, and it is also easier to carry out to the lathe when I feel like it. I only wish someone offered a similar-quality, similarly-priced reprint of the Atlas Manual of Lathe Operations. Kudos to Martino Publishing.

This is an excellent book that contains basic information on the operation of a manual lathe. With all the emphasis on CNC lathes today, it is through resources like this book that you can learn to use a manual lathe.

Good old time how to do it book on lathe setup and practices suitable to folks buying a well loved old lather or new import for hobby work. The kind of book that just tells one how to do it instead of take a class or call an expert!

This book has a lot of great information for small lathe owners whether or not their lathe is a South Bend. I happen to own a Craftsman lathe, but I still find this book worthwhile. I know some people will insist on having the paper version of a manual like this, but I find the Kindle edition very handy. For example, I can read a few pages on my lunch break at work.

How many books do you pick up that the cover is worth 100,000 words? If a picture is worth 10,000 words, the info from the pix of the different configurations of cutters on the cover is easily 100,000 words! The rest of the book is as concise and to the point. I wish I would have known about this book when I bought my lathe 3yrs ago. I've learned a LOT on YouTube but I would have absorbed even more if I'd read this book first. This ranks up there with the best manuals I've ever read as it doesn't read like a manual :)

A great old classic and a fun read, info is still relevant and makes a good review for a experienced hand and a fine intro for the beginner.

If you are new to running a lathe, this is a good one to add to your collection.

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