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"If I only bought one woodwork book, this first and definitive book on the workbench would be it".--
"Woodworker Magazine". 278 color photos. 185 drawings.

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From Reader Review The Workbench Book: A Craftsman's Guide to Workbenches for Every Type of Woodworking for online ebook

Kyle says

Interesting from a historical perspective, but kind of rambling at times. Examines a couple workbenches of each family, but doesn't get into the why of design decisions as much as I'd like.

Lee Gibson says

I've decided I need a wood shop.

Kamal says

This book is older and far superior to more contemporary books on building workbenches. Each year, there seems to be yet another tome on how to put together a suitable Western-style bench for woodworking, but as far as I am concerned none of these surpass Landis' book on the subject because of its sheer variety and thoroughness.

Jeff Youngstrom says

My review from July 25, 2000

Michael says

I am looking forward to having my daughter or son sit on my lap and point out the pictures. Eye candy and fun.

Kim Zinkowski says

Great ideas

R.M. Loveland says

Gorgeous and fascinating review of dozens of real-world workbenches.

Ian says

Lots of information but not my favorite on the subject. There was way too much background / detail to hold my attention for long periods. The book is also a bit out of date. Chris Schwarz is the way to go on the subject.

Salvador Ortega says

Along with a goal of reading 50 books this year, the other "leisure time" goal this year was to rehab my shop and storage areas. Like most woodworkers/carpenters, my workbench was my first handmade furniture piece. Again, like most ww/carpenters, at some time we get the notion that it would be great to build a really nice workbench. Thus this book which was very useful especially in the vise sections.

James says

A lovely book with many photos and plans for workbenches, some simple, some sublime and many are useful. My copy went out on loan and never made it back. Modern books that covers bench hardware currently available include two of Christopher Schwarz. I would pass on the Roman Workbenches: Being a Short Treatise on Benches from Pompeii, Herculaneum & the Holy Roman Empire Founded on Research & Historical Reconstructions with Practical Applications Concerning Construction, Workholding, Planing, Sawing, Joinery &c. unless you really are a bench nerd!

Thomas says

A great book, taught me a lot. I've been doing carpentry work for as long as I can remember. Going to work sites with my dad as a tiny tot, to building big decks for pocket money in college. My experience is all power tool based and with a very practical, efficiency based approach, I reckon. Also, with more of a handyman skill level than the kinda woodworking artistry and skill a real finishing carpenter or cabinet maker would have. Not a whole lot of art or deep history in the kinda carpentry I've been paid for, framing walls and cookie cutter deck building mostly. So, I have a lot left to learn about woodworking but this book helped me on my way.

I want to set up a general workbench for my various hobbies and I think a traditional workbench would be good for a great many jobs. Stained glass, power carving, watercolors, multicopters, general repair and maintenance work, and of course furniture making, would all easily benefit from a good solid work surface. These things are made from the ground up to excel at holding work, a very universal need across many hobbies/occupations.

The book did a great job of showing how a couple of traditional workbenches come together and how handy they can be. Would highly recommend it for anyone looking to get into woodworking.

Christopher Brennan says

Really a great book of history on workbenches and their uses.

Andy says

Very good review of the history and evolution of traditional woodworking benches. Somewhat less useful if you are looking for details on building your own workbench.
