



Unfortunately, the pictures, many of them, look like photocopies of photocopies of photocopies. With that said, I love that I can look at a picture of what I'm holding and know everything I need to know about it. It's a little heavy, but great to keep in your car when you go to auctions or garage sales. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. By M. South Great book to use for identifying old hand tools and great to just thumb through and see the many different types.

Here is the greatest assembly of hand tools ever assembled. It is a fascinating chronicle of nearly every tool ever used in North America, including ancient tools used by Native Americans; trade tools used to create coaches, pianos, ships, and saddles; tools for harvesting farm goods, turpentine, and ice; and tools for fine trades such as bookbinding and watch repair. The tools are organized according to profession, from Beekeeper to Wheelwright, and will fascinate today's practitioners of these trades and hobbies. This comprehensive volume includes more than 4,500 images from catalog illustrations, trade literature, and hand drawings. Descriptions provide dimensions and applications. This is a must have for the tool collector and antique dealer, as well as anyone fascinated by the means of production.

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