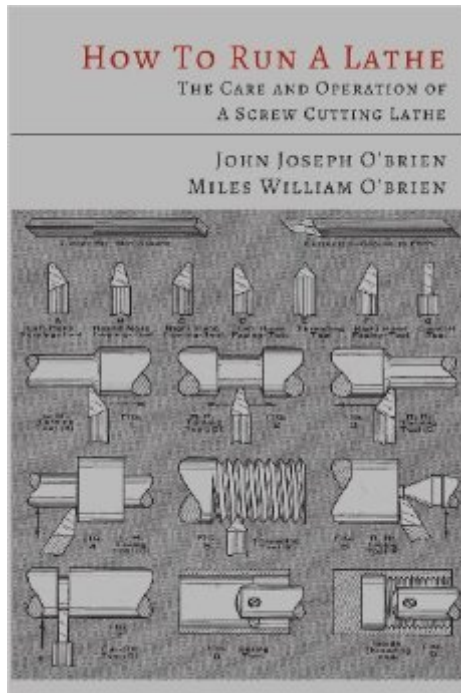


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# How To Run A Lathe: The Care And Operation Of A Screw Cutting Lathe



## 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.

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.

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.

A must have for anyone running a lathe. I like how it starts with the history of the lathe and the goes on to the tools and you should buy it to find out the rest. For the price can't beat it.

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!

It's been 30 years since I touched a lathe. This is a good primer with lots of basic info. Yes, you can find the same info on the 'net, but I like having a concise book to reference. Well worth the five bucks.

It won't teach you how to write G-code or run a CNC, but this book will teach you everything you need to run a manual lathe. Book is written by South Bend, but the concepts and skills are the same for any metal lathe.

This book explains and illustrates the anatomy, setup and use of a South Bend metal lathe. The information can be used to setup and operate any lathe. I have operated wood lathes for some time and only operated a metal lathe once. Have found this book to be very helpful as well as a good reference for my shop library.

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