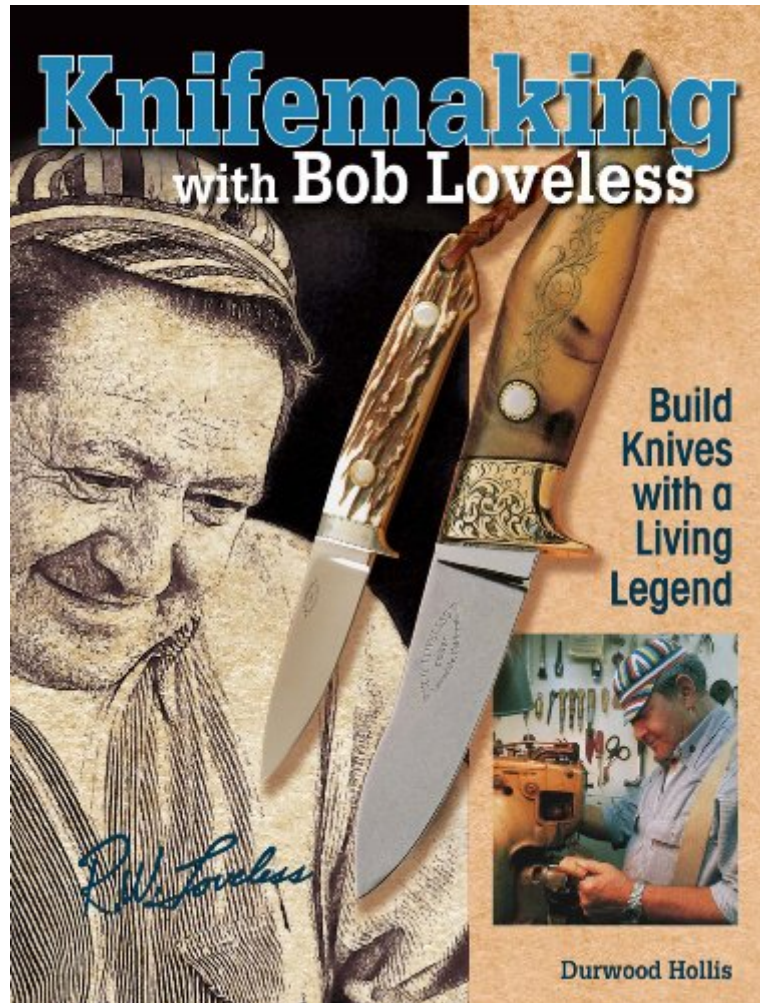


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Knifemaking With Bob Loveless: Build Knives With A Living Legend



Synopsis

Blade aficionados will revel in color photos from inside Bob Loveless' knife shop, and of his knives, as author Durwood Hollis details Loveless' stock-removal method of knife making, tools of the trade, designs, heat treating and tempering of blade steel, handles, sheaths, knife care and maintenance, and tips for the field. Bob Loveless, a member of the Blade Magazine Cutlery Hall Of Fame[®], passed away on Sept. 2, 2010, at the age of 81. He was known as the father of the modern custom knife movement, the man who popularized the dropped hunter, Big Bear sub-hilt fighter and other knives, and, along with Richard Barney, co-wrote *How To Make Knives*, the precursor to this book.

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Customer Reviews

I think it would be difficult to find a knife maker, knife collector or anyone who is interested in knives (especially custom hunting knives) that hasn't heard of Bob Loveless. If you find a knife maker who hasn't heard of R.W. Loveless I might be a bit skeptical. Cutlery Hall of Famer, father of the modern custom knife movement, the guy who popularized the dropped point skinner and more make up the

legend of Bob Loveless. I mean the guy started making knives in the early 50's when the only other person really making knives was Bo Randall. It's always like that, the guys who were doing it first are always the legends in any certain field and rightfully so. Anyhow, I've read just about book there is on knife making and I finally made my way to this one. Most knife making books are extremely dry and boring. They go over the same systems and methods every other book does and there's lots of repetition. Also, they typically tell you how to make a knife with extremely primitive tools so the average guy can make a knife in his garage with a file, drill press, hammer, a bar of steel and whatever else that is probably already in a DIYer's garage. This book is no exception, except it tells you how Bob made his knives. Which is insightful and more entertaining. The first part of the book was most interesting to me as it detailed Bob's early life, how he got started in knife making and his overall theory on knife making. At this point in my knife making it is theory that most interests me. The "why" behind certain methods instead of the method itself. The interview portion of the book revealed some true nuggets of wisdom that I've already begun to employ in my everyday knife making routine. I have a lot more respect for Bob Loveless after reading this book.

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