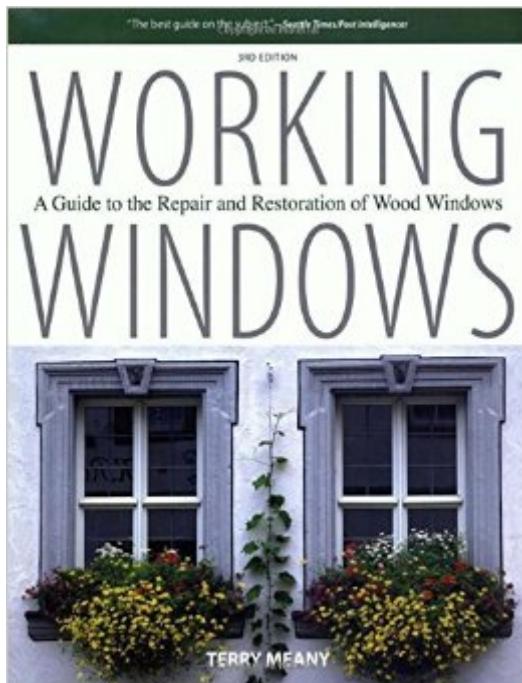


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# Working Windows: A Guide To The Repair And Restoration Of Wood Windows



## **Synopsis**

Older homes are gaining in value, especially when the original craftsman details are well maintained, such as antique lead panes and wood windows. And refinishing beautiful old windows happens to be one do-it-yourself project that a home owner can actually accomplish without professional assistance. This is the only completely illustrated guide to repairing and refinishing every part of an old window, from weather stripping, pulleys, sashes, hopper vents, and casings to old hinges, paint, and glass. Completely updated with a new section on cleaning windows.

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## **Customer Reviews**

If you have old windows in your house and you can use a screwdriver and hammer, this book will tell you how to renovate them. I have been rebuilding windows for 40 years, and still get good ideas from this book. Well worth twice the price.

Window installers come at the public with a good line of hype. Many times it is flagrantly untrue. I think, almost every time, it is worth restoring the original windows rather than replacing them with new vinyl ones. Seasonal movement is one of the major problems for windows. Vinyl's seasonal movement is four times that of pine or fir according to the government testing lab that tests building material. Vinyl does not rot or is not destroyed by termites; it deteriorates. They are not made to be repaired, they are throw away. Also, the design of the vinyl window is out of place with the period of

the home, making them grossly stand out as inappropriate to the style of the house. If you are concerned about the R rating, your old restored window, with a storm window attached is rated much higher than a new vinyl window. There are some homes, being lived in now, with two to three hundred year old windows still functioning fine. These are the reasons to buy this book. Window restoration and repair are good DIY projects. This book will take you through it.

This book was very helpful in showing how to repair old windows. It is geared mostly to windows that have pulleys and weights however. Mine have friction brakes on the side so that part wasn't helpful, but there was a lot of other good info.

This book covers the restoration to working condition of various types of windows found in old homes. The information is presented in a clear, easy to follow format. Unlike most books of this type it is written so well that it is fun to read even if you don't want to fix windows. The author has a great sense of humor and I often found myself laughing out loud and learning at the same time.

The author's voice comes across loud and clear, but it's obvious he's fixed a lot of these old windows and there's tons of useful information about all the repair procedures available. Some of the procedures are a bit too chewing-gum-and-bailing-wire for my taste, but the author is the first to point out that there are better options as well. I found this book very helpful when determining how much repair my windows required. Note that I'd highly recommend not drilling holes in the frame to access sash weights as recommended in this book - it's very hard to get a good looking repair. My outside casing came off easily and gave access to the weights without damaging the appearance or function of the window.

I live in a 1920's house with mostly wood double hung windows which are rotting away and haven't been opened in at least twenty years. I was worried about the horrendous cost of installing new windows, and the difficulty of doing that in a house with concrete asbestos siding. With the aid of this marvelous book I am now restoring the windows, and doing all the work from the inside! I have done many home projects over the years from building an addition to plumbing and electrical installation and I have read at least a hundred books in my search for ways to do things and not one of those books has been as helpful as this one. If you have wood windows that are rotting, won't open and look to be beyond hope, then buy this book.

I think this book is worth having. As someone that was embarking on restoring 100 year old windows, i saw a number of recommendations for this book as I searched for information. But, I have to say, while the book was informative and helpful, I wish it had more specifics in some areas and more pictures would have gone a long way. And, sadly, so much information is available on the internet that you don't find much new in the book. I didn't regret buying it. But I am continuing to look for other good sources of information.

Wonderful book! Easy read and loads of information. I finally have enough information and the confidence to tackle fixing and possibly completely restoring our 123 year-old windows. This one was well worth every dime! To chuckle while learning some serious stuff really took me over the edge. A must have!

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