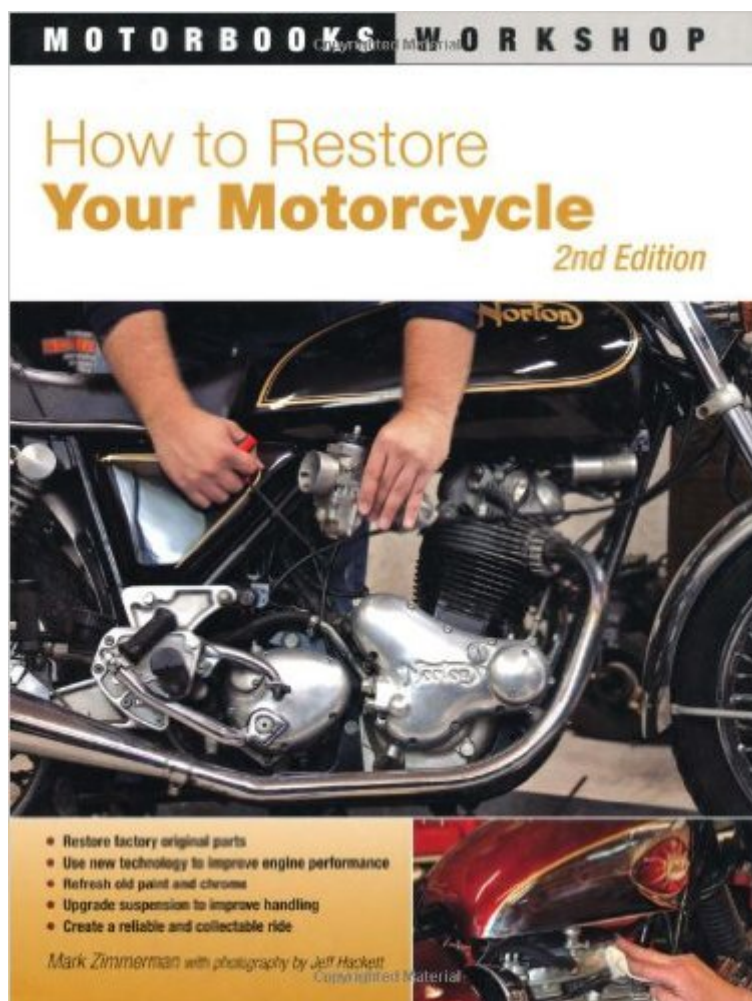


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# How To Restore Your Motorcycle: Second Edition (Motorbooks Workshop)



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The market for used motorcycles is vast and deep, with many popular motorcycles available for a fraction of what they cost when new even a few years ago. With a little hard work and know-how, a restored used bike can become a reliable and stylish commuter vehicle. But restoring an older motorcycle can be challenging. Often you're dealing with old technology, parts that are hard to replace, rusty and stubborn bolts, etc. *How to Restore Your Motorcycle* walks the reader through the process of tearing down an old motorcycle and building it back up again. This revised edition adds color photography throughout, as well as new information covering bikes and technologies new to the collector realm.

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Very good and helpful information. Although the book has some great information and tips it is not designed for the complete novice (and the author will tell you as well). Personally, I am more interested in restoring Japanese bikes where as this book tends to focus a little on British bikes, however it contained a ton of valuable tips and made my projects easier and more enjoyable. Oh, one last point ... I liked the authors style and it was ease to read and I enjoyed going back to it as I needed more ideas.

Good book. Easy to follow. Diagrams are helpful (pictures). Instructions are beneficial. Plain

English. Great for beginners. Worth the cost. Used to do work to my 71' Suzuki T500 and I'm a beginner.

If you are new to restoration or just looking for more information this book is fairly helpful. It will guide you through what sort of bike to purchase, pros and cons of each type, certain repairs, and the like. Mainly it will act as a tool to lead you to other tools during the restoration process (i.e. places to look for parts, ups/downs of certain repairs, ideas for your restore). It will get your gears turning and give some direction for the process from someone who has already been down that rocky road.

If you have very little common sense, or fall to tears when you think of organizing a garage, then this book is for you. Get a chiltons or hayes for your bike, put your tools where you want them. The author does give a good reality check on the prospects of profitability of restoring bikes (hint- there is none) but if you've got a passion, you will anyway.

I have Zimmerman's other MC Repair book, which I found very useful -- and when I had a question, I contacted him by e-mail as he invites readers to do, and he responded with great advice, and followed-up to see how the advice worked! I bought this book because I'd seen it and liked it's all around coverage of restoring older MC's. Since I usually buy used, I'm often in some limited restoration mode, and this book will prove very useful.

Any motorcycle related by Mark Zimmerman is worth reading. I have been riding bikes for 40 years and have always done my own repairs, I find Mr. Zimmerman to be an excellent writer with a lot of knowledge to share.

As someone in the middle of my first bike restoration, I can only say I wished I had read it before I purchased my two wheeled train wreck. Very good book, I recommend it for beginners or people like me who find themselves in water a bit over their heads. I would rate it a 5 star, but the subject matter of bike motorcycle restoration is very broad, and sometimes the book left me wanting deeper information.

This book is geared mostly for British bikes but does contain a little info on Japanese bikes. It has some useful information on restoring your bike including recommended tools and methods for

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