



Zakrzewski This book not only described tools, but tells you how they were used in an actual job. It used to be an instruction manual for boys who were exploring a trade. So it is very informative and well written. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very informative By Robert C. Very interesting and informative about tools and trades in the 19th century. Great history book for anyone who wants to know about the trades in Victorian England. Great insight into how people lived.

Originally written as an aid for boys seeking information about prospective trades and occupations available to them as adults, this profusely illustrated and instructive text also stresses the importance, dignity, and techniques of labor. First published during the mid-Victorian era, it is today a charming window on the past, offering glimpses of basic crafts and industries of the period. In addition to detailing the work of tailors, shoemakers, bakers, plumbers, and housepainters, the text devotes full chapters to the work of bricklayers, cabinet- and gun-makers, sugar refiners, coppersmiths, calico printers, millers, and twenty-one other tradespeople. With facts and hints for modern craftworkers and fascinating background for anyone interested in bygone ways of life, this rare primer will be treasured not only by cultural historians and hobbyists, but will also delight collectors and Americana enthusiasts.