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Beyond Bootblacking: A Guide To Selecting And Caring For Leather Gear



Synopsis

A guidebook for people interested in learning about the fundamentals of caring for boots, leather clothing and fetish gear and information about what to look for when buying new or used leather gear.

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Leather care, whether it be dress shoes, working gear, or just gloves, seems to be a lost art. Having had to teach a few young men how to care for their dress shoes or coats, what polishes to buy, etc. shows that, unless you come from a riding or ranching background, you probably don't know how to care for leather. This book addresses that for everything from working leather to dress to stuff used by certain fetishes out there. (Happily details remember on the safe side of TMI for that). However you use leather, this book discusses how to keep it looking good, waterproof and flexible. If you're going to spend money on real leather, be it dress shoes, custom boots, flight jackets, or purses, this book is a wise investment. With proper care, leather goods live nearly forever and this book will teach you how.

I have wanted to learn how to bootblack for years. My Owner finally suggested I give it a go. After a solid month of polishing boots, a lapse in bootblackening and eventually circling back around to it I picked up this book on a whim. Y'all I tore through it in 24 hours. The book goes into great detail on the chemical composition of dyes, creme, polishes and warnings. The list of supplies covers basics, intermediate and advanced toolkits. The photos of step by step processes for leather care, different types of gear and historical examples are fabulous. I have so many notes and highlights in my

Kindle version that it looks like a college textbook before finals week. Get this book. Seriously.

i have tried looking for several different sources on bootblackening and none of them have been as informative as this one! i will definitely be keeping this book by my side during all my bootblackening escapades!

I have been learning how to become a bootblack for the last three or four months. I received this book as a birthday gift this year and overall the book is not bad. The two points of contention I have with it is that the images are not colored but in black and white and the way the book ended. This doesn't seem like a big deal but when you are first learning about the techniques the images are almost worthless. Most of the leather items are black and it makes it very difficult to see and difference with before/after photos. Secondly, there was no closing paragraph to this book. It just kinda left you hanging. It would have been nice to have a closing chapter to round out the 75 page book. Another reviewer had mentioned that none of the reviews included what we learned and made other reviews suspect. So what I took away from reading this book is the 8 steps to caring for a piece of leather gear. I never thought to ask questions regarding the gear and where they had purchased it and or when they have cleaned it ect. This is helpful to me when working on others leathers. This is a good read but get the kindle version if possible.

This has some good information for a newbie to get started and work their way up. However, on the Kindle Fire (mine or my husbands) this book doesn't work well at all. It only gets to certain point and when going to the next page it locks up and crashes. I've never had either Kindle do that.

Having read both of Daddy Wendell's books i have to say the detail is great and there are some really good tricks mentioned in this one that helps in learning more about bootblackening.

The book has some good information but I would not buy it again as I had found most of the same information on the internet.

As a baby bootblack, I love this well written easy to follow book on leather care. It has helped me tremendously.

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