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Jim Trefethen has renovated dozens of good old wooden boats, and in this book he's sharing his collected wisdom, craftsmanship, and penury with you. It will supply you with the basic skills you'll need to successfully renovate an old wooden boat--any old wooden boat, from a 16-foot canoe to a 50-foot cruiser, and everything in between--provided the boat actually is repairable (and you'll learn how to determine that, too). After you've read *Wooden Boat Renovation*, we hope you come away knowing what is possible and how to accomplish it. Then we hope you actually do it.

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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Whether you own a wooden boat or are just toying with the idea of buying one, *Wooden Boat Renovation* is an essential addition to your nautical library. Author Jim Trefethen offers clear, detailed advice--in terms a layperson can understand--on how to select, renovate, and maintain a wooden boat. Trefethen's love of these craft is evident throughout the book, and his sense of humor enlivens the text. As one Amazon.com customer says, "A well-made, classic wooden boat is really a piece of art that just happens to float." *Wooden Boat Renovation* can help you become an artist. --*M. Stein*

Review

I strongly recommend this book. It is as full of humor and wisdom as practical tips. . .It's an enriching, helpful book."

From the Back Cover

The economics of fixing up an old boat are exactly the same as the economics of fixing up an old house: You substitute time you can spare for money that you can't. Either way you end up with something you probably couldn't have otherwise afforded. As if that weren't enough, you also learn a whole new set of skills and gain a healthy measure of self-respect and satisfaction. You develop a deep and thorough knowledge of your boat--or house--that allows you to fix something gone awry instead of being at the mercy of a \$45-an-hour-and-I'll-get-it-to-you-when-I-can repairperson. And, maybe most important, your renovated old boat--or house--becomes a true reflection of *your* needs, desires, and fantasies, not those of a faceless factory seeking to sell you and everyone else the same cookie-cutter dream on the installment plan.

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Jim Trefethen has renovated dozens of good old wooden boats, and in this book he's sharing his collected wisdom, craftsmanship, and penury with you. This isn't a generic step-by-step renovation manual. All wooden boats are different--even wooden boats that left the same boatshop on the same day. The ravages of time and the elements and uncaring ownership conspire against each wooden boat from launch day on, but each is affected differently.

This book will supply you with the basic skills you'll need to successfully renovate an old wooden boat--any old wooden boat, from a 16-foot canoe to a 50-foot cruiser, and everything in between--provided the boat actually is repairable (and you'll learn how to determine that, too). You are expected to know a bit about boats and how to work with tools, but you needn't be a master craftsman or Joe or Josephine Truesalt. After you've read *Wooden Boat Renovation*, we hope you come away knowing what is possible and how to accomplish it. Then we hope you actually do it.

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