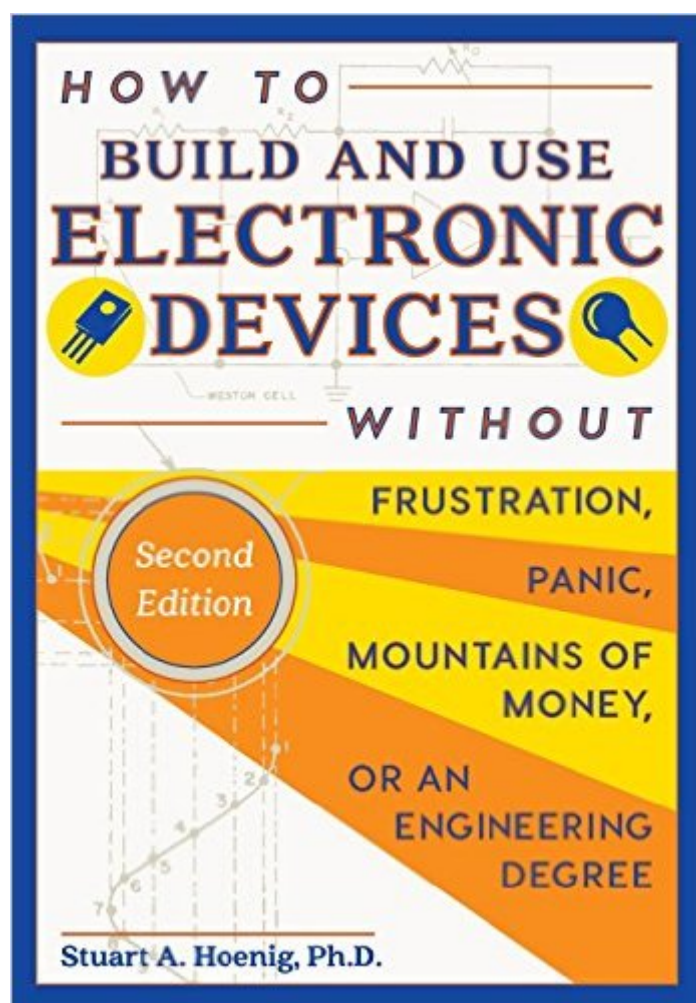


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# How To Build And Use Electronic Devices Without Frustration Panic Mountains Of Money Or An Engineering Degree



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strength.

I read and studied this very readable book back in the late 1970's. Once again I am rereading it now in 2011. The authors present the subject of electronics and op amps as if they are actually sitting beside you and explaining the subject in a very understandable form. I very much appreciate the good humor they have injected along the way. They encourage the reader to immediately start building practical op amp circuits and try them out. Thirtyfive years ago I was able to apply this knowledge in building instrumentation amplifiers to air monitoring equipment where we had no other alternative. This is a great book and I recommend it to anyone who is getting into electronics through work or hobby.

There was a time, oh my children, before computers did everything. Oh, no, not so far back as to depend on glowing filaments in little glass bottles, nor even back when everything had to be built from rat nests of discrete transistors. In between the age of discrete and the age of digital, was the age of the Operational Amplifier. Even today they are perhaps the ideal tool for learning about measurement and signaling. This is the best book for understanding what an op amp is, how they work (the best, most intuitive explanation of this I've seen), how to use them. It covers basic passive components, measuring techniques (including physiological techniques such as EKGs), and ridding your circuits of errors. If you are daunted by Horowitz and Hill's Art of Electronics, the traditional electronics "bible", try this book. It should never have gone out of print, and I wish Hoenig would release it on the web. Easy on the math, a tutorial not a reference, it should be a hacker must-read. One small lack: no mention of current loops and other methods of transmitting signals over relatively long wires (feet or meters rather than inches.) To make up for it, there's a little section on RF signaling. If you just need to measure something, but don't want the engineering degree spoken of in the title, this is the book to get.

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