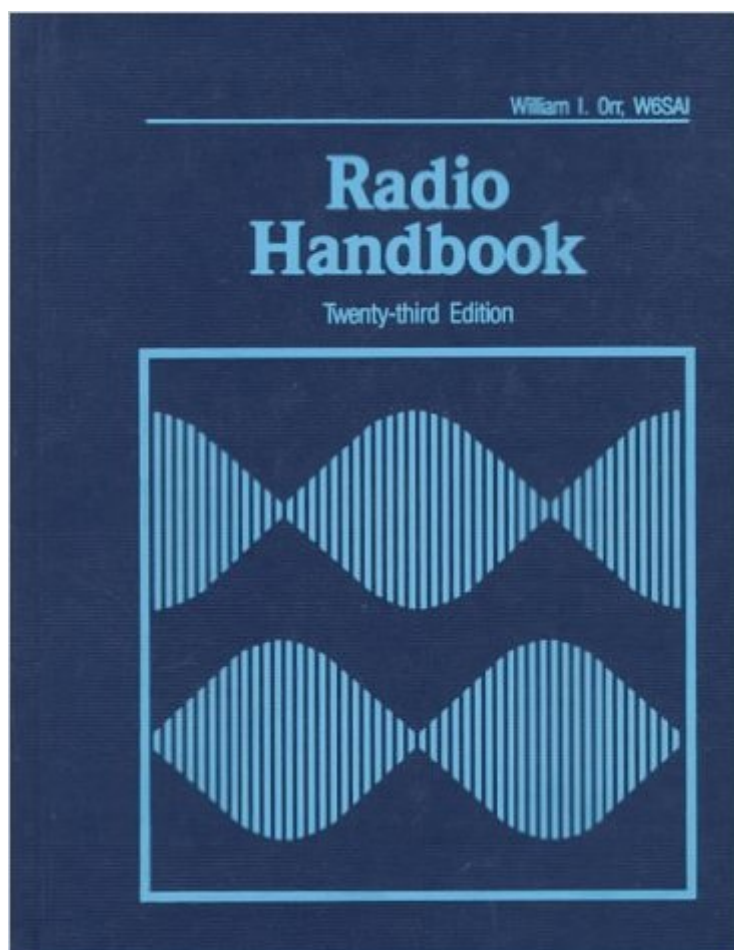


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This book is a must have for any library. If you are interested in homebrewing then you need this book. Its filled with lots of schematics and details.

I own several hard cover texts of Bill Orr. He documented and wrote many fine articles for QST, CQ Magazine, and 73, over the years. Bill had a way of going into depth when explaining technical concepts and construction methodology that many have found refreshing and enlightening. Being "construction minded," I often repair older radio equipment or tackle a "scratch build" project and use Bill's handbooks as references. Over the years I have acquired several of his hard bound publications. This one, in particular, I needed for tube specifications I could not find elsewhere for a tube amplifier project. While the 22nd and 23rd edition are very similar in content, if one wanted to own just a single copy, the 23rd should be the one of choice.

If you just want a copy of Orr's excellent book, then you're okay. But I already have an old copy. I wanted a newer edition. My complaint is the photo shows 21st edition, but they shipped me the 19th edition. Also condition was not quite as good as claimed. False advertising.

...PrimeParts.net says they still have a few in stock; I just ordered one earlier today. Web link: [...]
Update: The book arrived and I've been perusing the contents. It's an absolutely beautiful book -- the pictures are crisp and clear. The technical content is quite good, although I would caution that the technical details are closer to what you find in something like the ARRL Handbook or perhaps Experimental Methods in RF Design than, say, Bowick's or Hayward's RF Design (text) books. It is true that some of the content is dated: most of the amplifiers are tube-based and while some designs are perfectly workable as presented, today there are much more straightforward approaches using, e.g., microcontrollers and a bit of analog 'glue.' (Particularly amusing: He catalogs the 'typical home computer' as having 64KB. :-)) Still, there's a lot that can be learned from a classic book such as this, and even if the implementations have changed over time, the fundamentals are timeless; people who downgrade books such as this for being 'obsolete' are

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