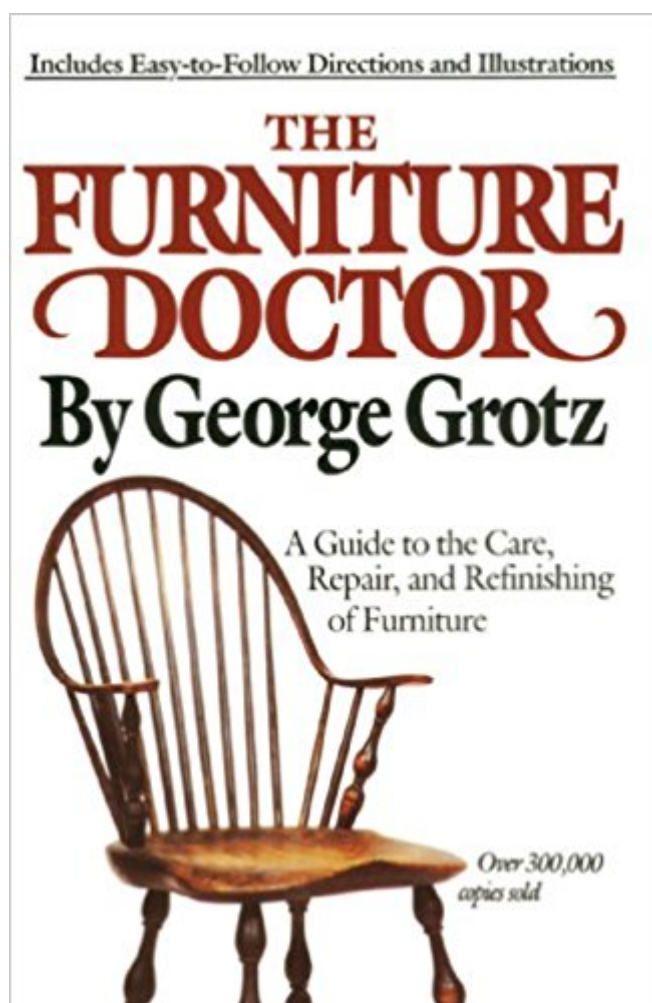


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A entertaining read, heavy on humorous anecdotes and thrifty ideas but light on best practice. If you're just trying to squeeze a few more years out of a hand-me-down kitchen table, Grotz can probably help you, and make you laugh while you work. If you're trying to preserve a family heirloom with real value (either monetary or sentimental), think long and hard before you follow any recommendation from this book. Many of the tricks The Furniture Doctor uses will make the next round of repairs vastly more difficult and much more expensive (and don't fool yourself, old furniture always has a next round of repairs coming, usually when the next generation inherits). If you really

like the piece of furniture you're working on and want to pass it along to your children and grandchildren, find another doctor and get a second opinion.

great book

A great book to have around the house.

recommended by my local Ace Hardware paint specialist - so glad to have it - wish i had known about it in years past for all the refinishing projects that came before!! i can happily recommend this book!

This is a 'bible' for the average amateur and full of good tips for both the experienced and fussy wood worker. I've used it for more than 30 years. Whenever I have a problem I start my research with this book, and I usually come back to it again after looking at a number of other sources. There are suggestions that you'll not find anywhere else. The humor is a delight. However Grotz wrote most of this before the development of many current ideas about how to preserve antiques. I imagine that employing some of his suggestions might lead to a reduction in the market value of an item. However, I don't think it will ever lead to a reduction in your personal enjoyment of the piece.

A little bit tired in content, but useful for antiques, restoration, repair of older finishes. It precedes modern finishes so understandably doesn't add much for more modern stuff, but very useful detailed information.

When I was first married I refinished our beautiful "hand me down" dining room set. Not only does this author give great advice, but he is also fun to read even when I don't have a project underway.

The anecdotes are sort of funny, in a lame kind of way. The change in technology since this was first written in the '60s has made any practical value trivial. The 1983 version doesn't seem to have been a significant update. It's mostly an interesting artifact of where woodworking/refinishing was before the explosion of new tools, techniques, and materials changed much. I bought a very cheap used copy, I wouldn't invest much more than that.

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