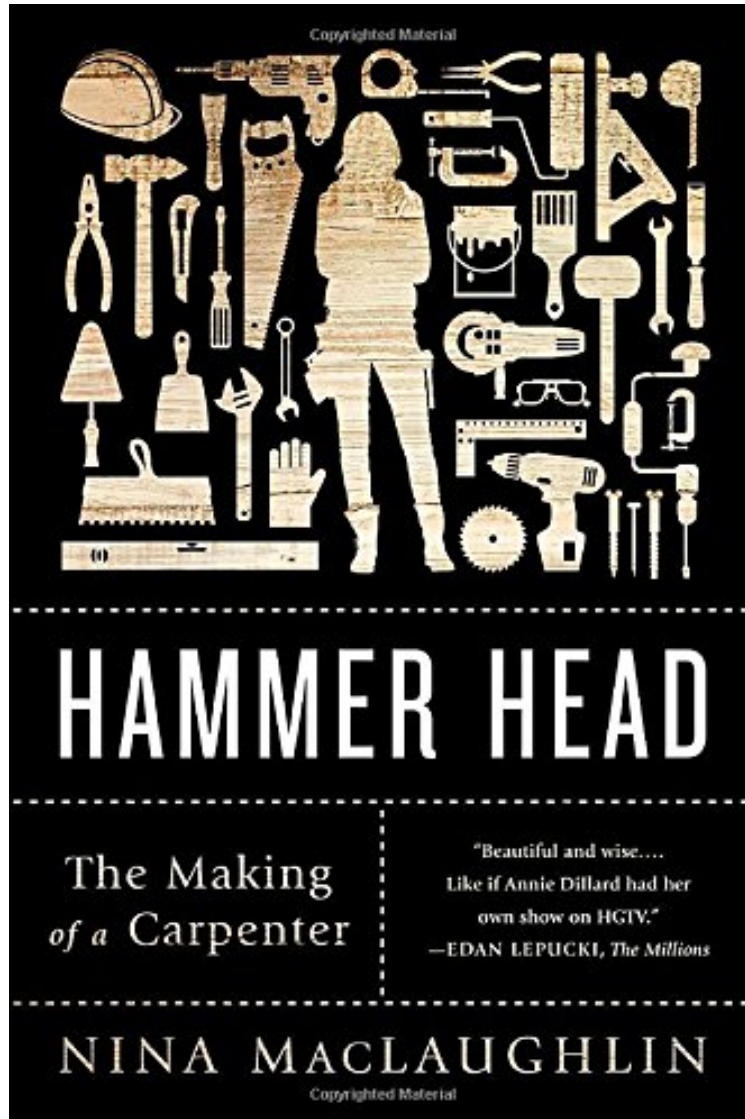


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Nina MacLaughlin : Hammer Head: The Making of a Carpenter before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hammer Head: The Making of a Carpenter:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Terrific Book Club BookBy SunnySDThis made a good Book Club book. Nina McLaughlin writes well and her experience is unique. I appreciated her staying focused on the process of becoming a carpenter, not wandering off into analysis of the people, her relationships etc. At the same time she shows that learning to live with the inevitable mistakes she made, learning that botching a job then correcting it is part of the

process. And she transferred that knowledge to her relationships. My Book Club jumped into a discussion of our own careers, what other careers might have appealed to us. After 10+ years of meeting we learned new things about each other. Very satisfying. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best story I have read in a very long time. By Robert P. It took me three days - part time - to finish the book and when I saw that I was almost to the end, I felt a loss. I had gotten to know these two women as if they were old friends and I was going to miss them. For 3 days, whenever I picked up the book, I couldn't stop and the pages went fast. So did the time, so engrossed was I in the images and feelings I was made to experience by this wonderful writer. I now have memories of her life, as if I had lived it. Read this and find out for yourself. These are all the words that come to me. I am empty, but happy, and I have learned, about carpentry - and life. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thoughtful and Inspiring, a wonderful tale of the learning process (carpentry and beyond) By Jeffrey Yamaguchi I read Hammer Head by Nina MacLaughlin and absolutely loved it. Honest and heartfelt storytelling that provides amazing insights about going from here to there in a career change, and well beyond that. There are no overdramatics in this work -- it explores change, disillusion and disappointment and the inherent pressure of a ticking clock, and working to find what's meaningful in life, slowly and not so surely, with diligence, hard work, and a willingness to listen and learn. And it's not all about hitting you over the head with lessons learned and metaphors -- the writing is much too good for that. Just a wonderful exploration of the learning process, and all that going through it presents to us and informs how we think about how we live our lives. I'm still always looking for the board stretcher (will make sense after you've read the book). This book inspired me to think deep about how I handle things when I can't find it.

Reading Hammer Head, like consuming Cheryl Strayed's Wild, feels like a crucial education. Isabella Biedenbarn, Entertainment Weekly Nina MacLaughlin spent her twenties working at a Boston newspaper, sitting behind a desk and staring at a screen. Yearning for more tangible work, she applied for a job she saw on Craigslist: Carpenters Assistant: Women strongly encouraged to apply despite being a Classics major who couldn't tell a Phillips from a flathead screwdriver. She got the job, and in Hammer Head she tells the rich and entertaining story of becoming a carpenter. Writing with infectious curiosity, MacLaughlin describes the joys and frustrations of making things by hand, reveals the challenges of working as a woman in an occupation that is 99 percent male, and explains how manual labor changed the way she sees the world. We meet her unflappable mentor, Mary, a petite but tough carpenter-sage (Be smarter than the tools!), as well as wild demo dudes, foul-mouthed plumbers, grizzled hardware store clerks, and the colorful clients whose homes she and Mary work in. Whisking her readers from job to job building a wall, remodeling a kitchen, gut-renovating a house MacLaughlin examines the history of the tools she uses and the virtues and varieties of wood. Throughout, she draws on the wisdom of Ovid, Annie Dillard, Studs Terkel, and Mary Oliver to illuminate her experience of work. And, in a deeply moving climax, MacLaughlin strikes out on her own for the first time to build bookshelves for her own father. Hammer Head is a passionate book full of sweat, swearing, bashed thumbs, and a deep sense of finding real meaning in work and life. 8 illustrations

Though MacLaughlin may be an apprentice carpenter, she is a master writer, with the rare combination of acute observation and astute word choice that characterizes writers like Annie Dillard or Joan Didion. - Rebecca Steinitz, Boston Globe Beautiful and wise. . . . Like if Annie Dillard had her own show on HGTV. - Edan Lepucki, The Millions MacLaughlin has hit the nail on the head Stunning You may very well read [Hammer Head] in one sitting. - Caroline Goldstein, Bustle Inspirational . . . will have Wild fans throwing down their backpacks and picking up a hammer. - Liberty Hardy, Book Riot An effortless blend of literary craft with woodcraft. - Erin Shea, Library Journal (starred review) Inspiring. - Time Out, (Critics Pick) Warm, wise, and authentically inspiring. No other book has made me want to re-read Ovid and retiling my bathroom floor, nor given me the conviction that I can do both. I loved it. - Rosie Schaap, author of Drinking with Men In this beautiful memoir about learning a trade, Nina MacLaughlin explores mortality, desire, the passage of time, and the meaning of work. She transcends the personal and makes us question what of our own works are built to endure. This book a thing well-made certainly is. - Philip Connors, author of Fire Season Nina MacLaughlin built a dream by becoming a carpenter, and transformed her life. Hammer Head is her exquisitely inspiring story. I loved it. - Lynne Cox, author of Swimming to Antarctica About the Author Nina MacLaughlin grew up in Massachusetts and lives in Cambridge, where she works as a carpenter. Formerly an editor at the Boston Phoenix, she has written for the Believer, Bookslut, the Los Angeles Times, and elsewhere.