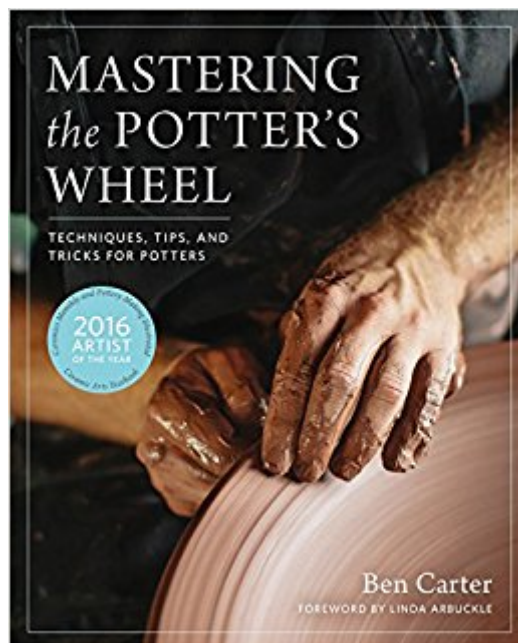




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Mastering The Potter's Wheel: Techniques, Tips, And Tricks For Potters



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Great book! I have been a potter for 40+ years. I wish this had been around when I was a beginner.

This book is so well done from start to finish. As a hobby potter of 10yrs practice, I learned a lot. In particular this book recommends a series of skill-building exercises which I wish I had practiced years ago. If you are serious about wheel-practice and want to grow your skills, this book is the best. The photographs used illustrate the techniques and of finished work are excellent. The book itself is of top quality.

Haven't had the time yet to dig deep, but it's going to be a great read. I'll definitely be able to bring this to the classroom.

Finally an up to date and comprehensive book covering all aspects of wheel throwing. Excellent descriptive photography and accurate information. For potters of all levels and a classroom must !

Absolutely excellent. Great comprehensive book showcasing techniques, photos, and suggestions

to build breadth and depth of throwing skills. Used as a resource to supplement in-class demos to support student learning.

I bought this as a gift for my boyfriend and he absolutely loves it. It was a great purchase.

Bought as gift. It was well received and my friend was thrilled to receive it.

Carter provides Lots of great tips and solid techniques for improving the throwing process and valuable exercises focused on mastery of skills.

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