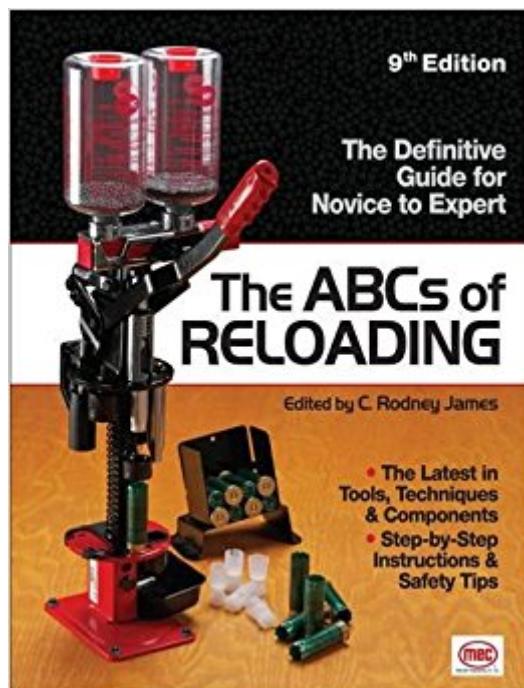


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# The ABCs Of Reloading: The Definitive Guide For Novice To Expert



## Synopsis

A step-by-step guide to reloading rifle and handgun cartridges and shotshells! In these days of widespread ammunition shortages, it pays--literally--to know how to "roll your own" cartridges. But don't think it's some kind of rocket science. Let The ABCs of Reloading show you how! With the help of The ABCs of Reloading, you'll be reloading your own cartridges--and saving big bucks--faster than you ever thought possible. It's all here! Step-by-step procedures for reloading rifle, handgun and shotgun ammunition. Hundreds of detailed photos. Everything you need to know about primers, bullets, powders and cases. Bonus: The best reloading articles from the Gun Digest archives and more! Don't let the next ammunition shortage catch you unprepared. Arm yourself with money-saving knowledge - with The ABCs of Reloading!

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As a shooter, a competitor and a collector, Dr. C. Rodney James has more than half a century's experience with rimfire rifles. A professional firearms forensic expert, Dr. James is also the editor of ABCs of Reloading and Handloader's Digest, both by Krause Publications/Gun Digest Books, and has authored numerous articles dealing with rimfire rifles and other topics. Dr. James lives on a large farm in central Ohio, where he can often be found testing the latest development in .22 rifles and ammunition.

Great with the basics I've read elsewhere, however the distinctions of internal ballistics, external ballistics and terminal ballistics; the consequences of over-pressures AND under-pressures are very

well covered in an understandable manner.

I bet my friends wish I bought this first. I was very frustrated with the handbook that came with my press. That was 90% data tables and 10% instructions. This book fills in all the missing gaps of what's needed to reload. Use this book for the instructions and the data tables from the reloading handbook. I'd debated between Kindle & paperback and finally decided on paperback. I was a little surprised that all pictures are black & white not color. I'm still somewhat glad I ordered the paperback version as it's useful to be able to look at the diagrams while reading the descriptive text, something that would be difficult on a small screen Kindle. Others have complained about the old hand drawings but while I admit a photograph would be nice in some instances I frequently prefer the simple hand drawings as they included only the details needed rather than an overly detailed photograph where I wouldn't be sure what to look at. The paper is very cheap, like a cross between regular paper and newsprint, but it is also very large and easy to see the details of the illustrations. I guess that helps keep the costs down. The book is also large enough to lay down and have it stay open so I can reference the book while working with my hands. I think they made a smart decision to go with the cheap and large format. I liked that it's not manufacturer specific like the handbook that came with my reloading press so it doesn't try to sell you a particular brand of equipment but it occasionally calls out specific manufacturers of products while I like so I can actually find the stuff.

If you are looking for a book to read straight through, or one you can take with you on the bus to flip through, this is not the book for you. I am new to reloading, and as such, I'm looking to gain any knowledge I can both while I'm reloading, and while I have that down time away from the gunpowder. This book does offer a lot of valuable information, is a great resource for safety procedures and proper handling of the various parts of a bullet. For me, this book has answered many questions, introduced questions I'd never thought of, and in turn, given me more questions (many of which are not covered within...). For starters, this book is very much targeted to the typical reloader~ the guy with a shed or garage with a full workbench dedicated to this hobby. It does not take into account, or offer a lot of info, for those of us who use portable reloading tools & instruments (such as the Lee line of hand loaders). When all is said and done, I am glad this book is in my collection, although at the moment it offers precious little for my personal needs. Perhaps when I am capable of creating a full workstation, then it will be better suited to my needs. I am actually quite glad I have it at the moment simply for the safety info, and random tidbits from here and there. As far as recommending this book, I'm in no position to say who would truly benefit from

it, but the guys at several of the large name retailers around here were quick to push it my way.

There are very few books on reloading ammunition beyond those published by the manufacturers of powder, bullets and equipment, and this is the top of the heap. You will still need one, or likely several, manuals with specific combinations of caliber, powder and projectile and the load calculations for those combinations, Lyman, Lee, Hornady, Nosler and many others publish these, specific to the brands and equipment they cover, and full of many tips and processes you need to know. But the ABC's of Reloading steps outside the load manuals and provides the real-life knowledge of reloading, without the bulk of specific load details. If you're starting to reload, or thinking about starting, make this your first purchase. Read it through to get the information you need to choose your equipment and process, and to save you many wasted hours, and dollars, applied to things you'll never really use. While agnostic about specific products, this book will guide you through the possible choices on your new obsession. With the information inside, you can make the informed decision you should be making, rather than be swayed by the bright lights, pretty colors and salesmen wearing bow ties.

It was a gift, but yes it met our expectations..TY

This book is recommended by almost every reloading forum and on line search. However, for someone who wants the basics of reloading, it is not essential. You will get some good information, but you will also get ALOT of extraneous information. Plus, you do not get the essential information on powder loads and case lengths that you would get with lyman's classic reloading book. I vote to just get lyman's unless you want to have a library of reloading books.

Great reference for those getting into reloading. I picked up Lyman #49 based on several recommendations online and while that does indeed have a good introduction to reloading, is what it is -- a reloading DATA book you can use to construct specific cartridge loads. If you want to know the ins and outs of the reloading PROCESS, including the history, chemistry, and basic ballistics information, this book is a great place to start. Very reasonable price given the amount of critical information it provides as well. One thing I'd like to see improved are the illustrations. They are all hand-drawn and lack annotations. Subtle differences in each illustration are lost because of the inherent inaccuracy of hand-drawn figures and the lack of even simple annotations makes each illustration more difficult to interpret. While I appreciate the fact that this book was written some time

ago, I received the 9th edition. Surely there has been time to re-illustrate using computerized drawing tools. We've only had that technology readily available for what, 25 years?

If you are starting to reload this is great.....

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