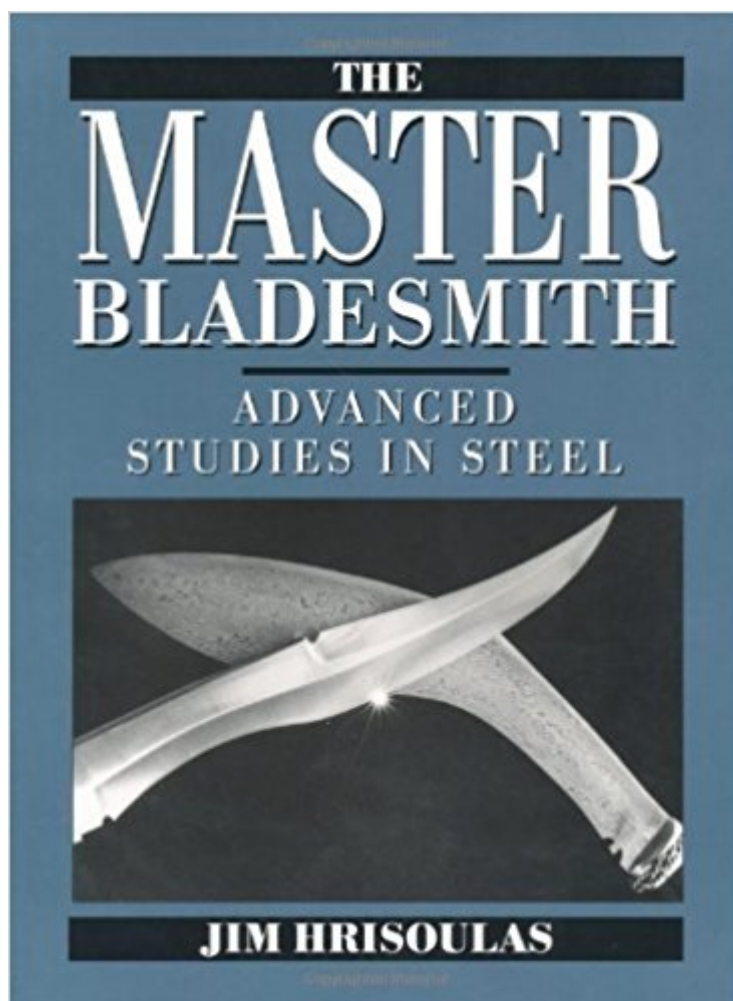


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good book. repeats some info from his beginners book, that's fine, which makes it a stand alone manual. informative and easy to understand. I recommend it. It's not really for the beginner though.

Perfect. Everything I was looking for and more

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I have the predecessor Jim Hrisoulas' book to this one. I was so impressed with it that I bought this book for additional detailed information about the bladesmith craft and blacksmithery in general. This book will provide additional knowledge on metal manipulation to produce outstanding blades of all kinds. If you're a beginning smith, I highly recommend you buy this book.

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This guy knows his stuff. Good book. It goes over some basics as well. The author covers various topics regarding blade making, and by that I mean forging. He even covers shop layout and safety.

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