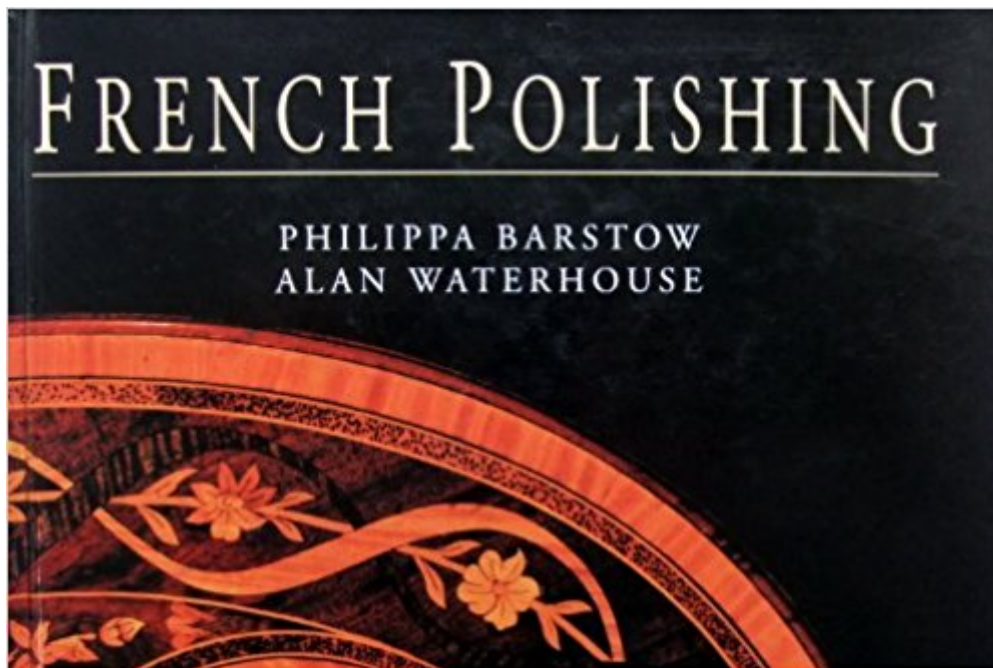




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Synopsis

This guide to French polishing covers every aspect of polishing and repolishing all types of furniture, from antique to newly-made, as well as woodwork such as stairs and doors. The handbook describes all the materials and techniques and their advantages and disadvantages, going right back to basics. A major feature of this book is a discussion of several individual pieces of furniture and the particular problems they pose. A selection of "before and after" photographs show the results that can be achieved.

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Alan Waterhouse and Philippa Barstow are professional French polishers and furniture restorers, and experienced teachers who run their own workshop and courses. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Good explanation. Good enough to scare me away from doing it

Great polishing book A+++

Great book on polishing

Haven't read much yet, but seems interesting.

There are not many books on this subject, that is why I bought this book. In hope to get useful information. I am a beginner and have been restoring furniture for a year but I do not need to be taught how to handle a SCREWDRIVER! the chapter about cleaning and refinishing without stripping is repeated in the book THREE times, in different places!!! maybe because "repetitio mater studiorum est" !?!?! when polishing, it is usually really timeconsuming to fill the pores and all they have to say about this is tixotropic filler. try to get this stuff any place else than GB!!! if at chance. and why they say nothing about the pumice? Photos could be more informative for the polishers. For example I would like to see a tabletop finished by masters, for that I have to see a glint of light on it. For absolute beginners this book is OK but I bought it for 35 euros, hoping that it was everything the previous review said. if the title says "french polishing" then the book should be about french polishing.

I found this the best book to date on French polishing as the authors obviously knew what they were talking about. Their system of polishing was easy to follow and very logical, it made me confident to have a go on my own furniture. The results I got after following their method was superior to anything I have achieved in the last ten years I have been polishing on an amateur basis. I enjoyed the chapters on items they had polished and found the chapter on colouring particularly helpful. I would recommend any one who has tried polishing and found it difficult to buy this book and have a go themselves. A highly recommended read.

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