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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By J. MurriFirst thing's first - I don't know if I'd classify this as a "beginner" book. I'll leave that to other reviewers. Everybody's different when it comes to his/her knowledge with electronics, and I definitely would not want to mislead anyone.That being said, this is really a great book. Antique Radio Repair 3rd Edition takes the budding antique radio aficionado like myself from crawl to walk to run. This book combined with the now out of print Antique Radio Restoration Guide by David Johnson is all you need to get started and take a nonworking radio from fatigued to fantastic. Mr. Corbin does a great job in the first 50 pages of walking the reader through two schematics from start to finish, explaining what each part does and why. Perfect. There were a few instances where I saw symbols on the schematic that I didn't recognize. Not a big deal at all, and thus my suggestion to find a reference online somewhere. If you can find the David Johnson book you're further along as to tube types, etc. though.I really can't say enough good things about this book. The binding is designed so it lays flat on your workspace. That attention to detail is a big plus. You know Mr. Corbin "practices what he preaches". He also is the rare author that responds to emails!So do yourself a favor and pick up this book, and while you're at it pick up the 3 DVDs in the "Bret's Old Radios Presents Antique Radio Restoration" series. I can't honestly say enough good things about them also (Bret also is someone that answers emails - not just leaving you to flap in the wind if you have a question). With those DVDs and this book, you're on your way to repairing that first set....and many many in the years to come.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Almost the best info..By C. DavisI must say I found it to be

useful, especially for the beginner. But not enough information. Too short and sweet. But if you are just starting out...It is a great starter tool. 3 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This book is severely disorganized. By CustomerI purchased this book based on the reviews that were there. While this book does have some good troubleshooting information in it, it is so disorganized that making heads or tails is almost impossible. You quickly go from basic troubleshooting to serious tube circuit and electronics theory fast. Too fast! If you have no previous background in electronics you will find yourself lost in a maze of schematics and little to help you out of it. Now I have some background in electronics so I was able to muddle my way though, but this would be NASTY to the beginner. There is very and I mean very little information related to the cosmetic aspects of radio restoration. Now this would not bother me if the book did not have the word restoration in it's title. Now like I said if you want to see why your old Zenith 5-S-29 has a hum when you turn it on this book will tell you. It will even tell you want to replace. After this you will go into schematic wonderland and wonder how you got there. The book also has a bad habit of jumping all over the place. If you are going to talk about tubes then talk about tubes. There are two chapters on tubs. WHY? If there is enough for one chapter then just put it in one chapter. This book is OK to have, but I really think there are better resources out there.