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Book 3: Lamp Fuels (The Non-Electric Lighting Series)



Synopsis

You can see all the books available (so far) in this series by entering "The Non-Electric Lighting Series" in the search bar above. As soon as we graduate from candles and olive oil to kerosene, the door opens onto the crazy world of bad Internet information about lamp and lantern fuels. Well, not all bad. Probably no more than 50% is silly, misinformed, or dangerous. From the FOREWORD: "Do you know the difference between white gas and white spirits? What about the difference between white spirits and mineral spirits? (Of course, there's always mineral spirits and alcoholic spirits.) How about the difference between mineral oil and mineral spirits? Or coal oil and kerosene?" There's a lot of information that you can find on the internet surrounding these topics. Some is just opinion and some is factual. Some makes me laugh, some makes my head shake in disbelief, and some, at times, makes me sad. "Before publication, this book (as the author notes) was reviewed by two petrochemical engineers, a college physics professor, and a chemical engineer. As it so happens, I am the physics professor in question. But that was my past career. Today I work in the oil and gas industry and have been in the industry for almost 20 years." "I want to assure the reader that the information presented in this book is accurate. The topics, written from a lamp-fuel and lantern-fuel point of view, have been simplified but with full confidence I can state that what is presented is correct." "Please don't burn your house down. Please don't place your family at risk. Please take the time to read these few pages. Please, please, please. READ THE BOOK."

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Customer Reviews

I previously purchased the "2000 Hour Flashlight" book, then purchased this series of books on lamps, Book 1, 2, and 3. Books 1 & 2 were very informative and I enjoyed both of them. I then started book 3. First, it is technical, but in a good way! A little like ninth grade science, but any ninth grader could appreciate it and even as a 69 YOM, the information was very good! I discovered a lot more that I didn't know, than what I knew in the beginning. Spend the \$.99 cents. I believe I will save more than the price in future fuel purchases.

Very interesting read, perhaps especially for someone who might be an engineer who enjoys recalling or learning about the chemistry of these fuels to appreciate the why of their various uses. Practical for anyone, going beyond the WARNING, DO NOT USE IN... to the why you shouldn't think of trying. I really appreciated and enjoyed this write-up.... but I'm an engineer, too.... ;-)

I am so pleased to actually get real honest answers. Websites in this field is generally biased. Mr. Brown thank you. You did research for your own answers and have included three results. you have written a book that the information is able to be understood.

Very good, I was surprised how much I thought I knew about fuels was wrong or bad info. A lot of useful and interesting info in this book. I recommend it to anyone with even the slightest interest in the subject of fuels and they're interchangeable uses.

A very detailed explanation of the differences between the various fuels used in the various lamps and camping lanterns currently in use. It's kind of "nerdy" in spots but, by in large readable.

Overall, I think it's a great book. I still had a few questions after I was done reading it, which is why I only gave it 4 stars, but it's a great reference for anyone who wants to use oil lamps. And for the

price, you really can't beat another reference.

I actually liked this book, learned things I didn't know about fuels. It is a book you should read if you use oil lamps and don't understand the different fuels.

I have heard of many different types of fuels and solvents. Now I know the difference and how to determine what an unlabeled fluid is along with how to use it.

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