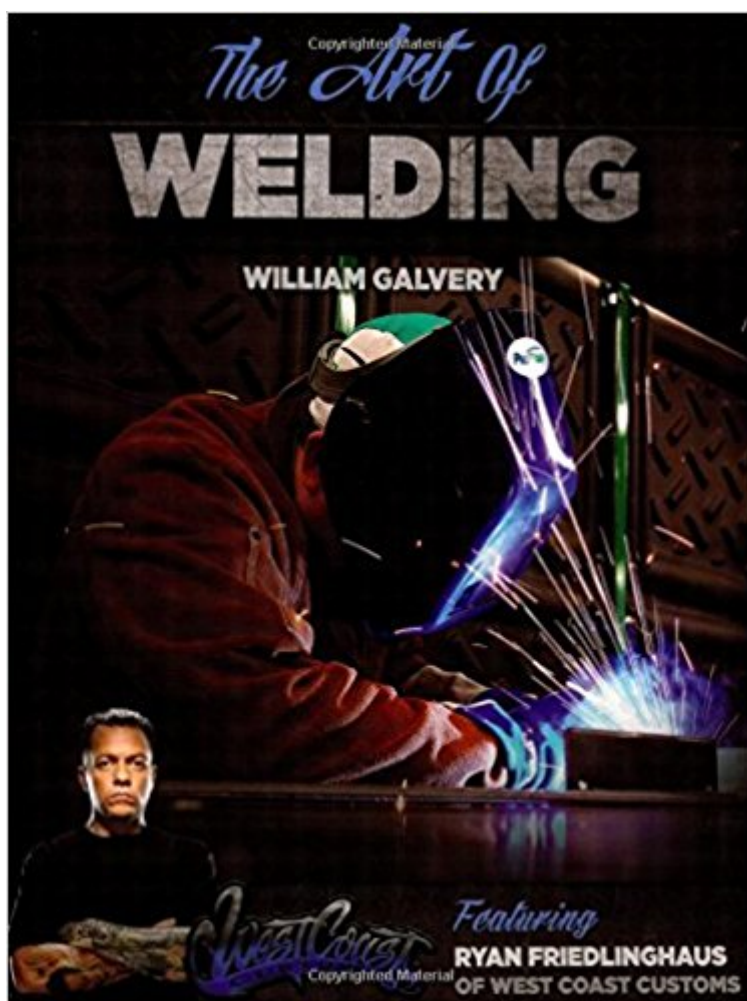


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# The Art Of Welding: Featuring Ryan Friedlinghaus Of West Coast Customs



## Synopsis

**Overview** Ryan Friedlinghaus, the celebrated guru of automotive customization and host of West Coast Customs on Fox Sports (read About the Author for more), adds practical knowledge to William Galver's acclaimed welding insight and everyday tips and tricks developed over his long professional career as an educator. This unique and original book improves upon the shortcomings of competitive titles by providing complete, in-depth coverage of the equipment and techniques used in the most popular welding processes: oxyacetylene, stick welding, MIG welding and TIG welding. What's more, it presents information in a lively, easy-to-follow design. Each chapter contains the pros and cons of each process and information on equipment, setup, materials, safety and welding techniques. To provide a solid footing for the novice welder, there is a chapter that provides an overview of welding and another on tools and materials. The bulk of the book is devoted to the more popular welding techniques. The authors also provide a chapter on soldering and brazing and another on plasma cutting. **The Art of Welding** is perfect for anyone who wants to learn welding, to make repairs or as part of a hobby. Even experienced welders will discover many tips and procedures to improve their welding technique.

**Features** Presents the accumulated experience and knowledge of two welding professionals. William Galver provides insight to the proper use of equipment and the science behind welding, including how welding affects different metals. Ryan Friedlinghaus provides the tips and techniques he uses everyday at West Coast Customs. Offers in-depth information about all popular welding processes, step-by-step photos and an engaging design that will appeal to do-it-yourselfers and hobbyist who want a solid background in welding. Emphasis is placed on safety with sections on selecting the proper clothing and safety lens for welding. Each welding process includes tips on approaching the job in a safe manner. Contains troubleshooting guides offering users an opportunity to learn from their mistakes by comparing inadequate welds to the troubleshooting guides located throughout the book. A chapter on welding projects shows welders how to compensate for the natural distortion that welding causes to various metals

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## Customer Reviews

Â Ryan Friedlinghaus Ryan is the founder and president of Â West Coast Customs, Â a world-famous car remodeling company he launched in 1993 on a loan from his grandfather. West Coast Customs began with a modest customization shop in Orange County, California and quickly grew to a larger shop in Los Angeles near the LAX airport. In 2004 WCC rapidly gained celebrity status when the MTV show Â Pimp my Ride Â hosted by Xzibit aired. Â WCC was the exclusive builder of all the vehicles for the original Â Pimp my Ride Â episodes season 1- 4. After Friedlinghaus successful reality TV show concluded with WCC as exclusive build shop for Â Pimp my Ride, he decided to put his focus back into his shop West Coast Customs and expand globally. Â Friendlinghaus began franchising West Coast Customs and opened locations in Dubai, Mexico, Germany, Malaysia, Russia and Japan. Â Following this aggressive global expansion endeavor Friedlinghaus went on produce Â Street Customs and Street Customs Berlin, Â TV shows that truly captured the capabilities of WCC and showed consumers that WCC was not just a custom car shop but creators of automotive art. After rising in ratings to the top of the TLC network, Friedlinghaus determined that it was time to take his TV career to the next level. He pitched his concepts and ideas to the Discovery channel and Â Inside West Coast Customs Â was born. Â With several successful seasons on Discovery Â HD Theater the network in 2011 decided to move the show as a headliner to a new network Velocity. Â Today, Â West Coast Customs on Fox Sports Â (learn about the show Â here) is a wildly popular car buff reality show that highlights state-of-the-art tradecraft in welding, bodywork, upholstery and design. Friendlinghaus has truly captured the essence of the tattoo across his fingers Â “self made Â “ Â With several successful TV shows and countless numbers of lucrative vehicle builds Friendlinghaus is living proof that with ambition, drive and heart you can still capture the American dream. Â William Galvery Bill graduated from California State University,

Long Beach with a Bachelor of Vocational Education. Professor Galvery has more than 30 years of industrial welding experience. He is an American Welding Society (AWS) Certified Welding Inspector and a Certified Welding Educator. In 2003 the AWS presented him with the Å Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Award, Å its prestigious national teaching recognition award. And for the second time he was chosen AWS District 21 Å Educator of the Year. Also in 2003, Bill was also presented with an Å Excellence in Education Award Å by the University of Texas, Austin. Bill has served as an officer for the AWS Long Beach/Orange County Section and recently retired as Professor of Welding Technology and Welding Department coordinator at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California.

A good enough book on the different processes of welding. If your an experienced welder save your \$, go elsewhere for those elusive tips on the art of welding

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Great book.

The Art of Welding has been the most disappointing "how--to" book I've ever read. I found this book to be significantly lacking in content and far too general to really teach anything. Another annoyance was the large number of spelling and grammatical errors. In a book with so little content, these errors stand out and make you wonder if anyone even attempted to proofread this book before publishing. If you're looking to learn welding, I highly suggest that you avoid this book. You can find all the information you need, but in much greater detail, on the internet via articles, youtube videos, forums, etc.

This is a great book for the DYI. Easy to read, filled with helpful tips. Purchased it for my son which is interested in learning how to weld. Co-written by the West Coast Customs automotive reality TV show star Ryan Friedlinghaus. Photos to illustrate step by step actions.

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