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The Falconer's Apprentice (The Falconer's Apprentice Series)



Synopsis

A Falconer's Guide to Training the Passage Red-tailed Hawk. A book for apprentice falconers wanting to know the basics of becoming a falconer. Shows a beginner falconer a step-by-step approach how to train a wild caught hawk to hunt; hawks are not pets. This is one of the most popular and widely referenced books on falconry focused on the falconry apprentice. The author is a licensed master falconer with over forty years of falconry experience - the vast majority of it spent in the pleasant company of passage red-tailed hawks.

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Customer Reviews

A great first book to introduce the reader to falconry. Oakes does an excellent job teaching the reader how rewarding training a red tailed hawk is, while being very clear that they will be spending many hours every single day with the bird for at least a few months. He gives detailed information about the gear and housing requirements to prevent someone from trapping a hawk if they don't have the necessary equipment. It has made me want to become a falconer ever more, but I have realized that I am at least a year away from having the time to dedicate to the project. I trust everyone who reads this book will spend a lot of time preparing for the day that they become a falconer.

I'm not sure if I dislike this book, or if I really enjoyed it. I didn't learn much from it that I hadn't our couldn't learn just by visiting themodernapprentice.com, and in fact, the website has much more

substance for those who are actually studying with the purpose of becoming an apprentice. I've noticed a few differing opinions between the above-mentioned website and The Falconer's Apprentice, and it is nice to learn those things... but again, getting involved in the practice I would learn those things much more intimately. The book is very vague, and I read it in two hours. I had the wrong idea of what it was when I purchased it. It's very short, vague, and specific in its purpose. With that out of the way, though, it was a very personal book. The Author offers you a glimpse into the sport in a way my previous research had not yet given me. He stresses things, such as consistency and humanity for all creatures (not just your hawk), as important in Falconry. I learned that it may be necessary to dispatch a rabbit in the field. He made quick work of a few of my other preconceived notions, and for that, the purchase was worth it to me. I would not say this book is necessary, I felt it was more like a light read that just strengthened my desire to become a falconer. The codes of conduct listed in the appendices were a focal point for me.

Excellent book for those who are interested in learning more about falconry or those who are just starting out with their first passage Red Tailed Hawk. William Oakes presents his material in a very easy to understand manner for the new apprentice, and as one reads his book, it is very evident that he has a very strong respect and love for these beautiful, majestic birds. A must read for anyone interested in learning more about falconry and raptors!

Falconry is a HUGE time and money commitment, and this book is merely the first step in a LONG journey if it is something that you intend to take up. It is well worth the time and money to buy this book and read it before doing anything else. Then buy more books, and read them as well.

If you are a falconer, or interested in becoming one, this book is a must-have. It has a tremendous amount of information both the basics of getting a bird started in falconry and how to properly train it. Truly an essential addition to any falconer's library.

awesome book. a must for the apprentice falconer or the master who wants to brush up for something for a referral. excellently written and easy to understand

I have been looking into Falconry for a year now. I want to become an apprentice within a few years and I wanted to start learning about the process of training a passage red-tail hawk before I got a sponsor. It was very in-depth about the training process. I also liked how they encouraged the

reader to talk with their sponsor about the subjects so they could get more than just one person's perspective. This book has inspired me even more to become an apprentice.

I bought this book because it looked like it would be a valuable book on learning how to begin the journey into falconry with a red-tailed hawk. I was not disappointed, I got the book yesterday afternoon and I was already done reading it by the evening. It has a lot of valuable information, and it talks about many of the steps that you need to prepare yourself for falconry. Then it offers a comprehensive guide to training a red-tailed hawk, and it provides a lot of tips that are very easy to comprehend. I would recommend this book to anyone who's interested in becoming a falconer!

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