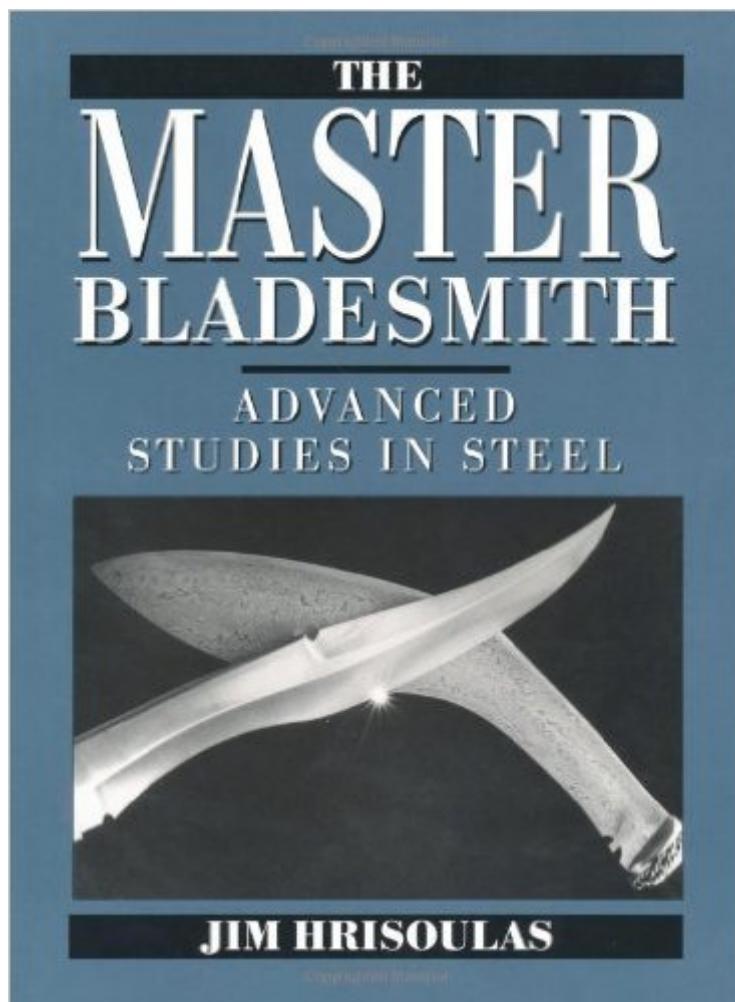


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# The Master Bladesmith: Advanced Studies In Steel



## Synopsis

This advanced study of steel reveals forging secrets that for centuries have been protected by guilds. Never-before-seen instructions, diagrams and photos explain the tricks behind using Japanese mokume gane, differential heat treating, power hammers, and other techniques to make kukris, wavy blades, spears and swords that bear the master's mark.

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## Customer Reviews

The second of three knifemaking books by Jim Hrisoulas. The first book "The Complete Bladesmith", is excellent for the beginner to intermediate forger. This second book is more in-depth, and written for those that need knowledge in the field that will not be found elsewhere. The book is for the intermediate student, to the advanced master of the blade. Again, Jim gives his expertise and knowledge openly to the practitioner, who wants to make knifemaking a serious part of life. For those interested in the production of swords, this book that has something to offer you. This volume covers all aspects of the bladesmithing trade, including the varied techniques and details which can forge, what would otherwise be a plain knife, into a working piece of art. Secrets, tips, tools, and techniques, are spelled out with the help of clear diagrams and explanations. Helpful compound tables, plus formulas for the manufacturing of flux, quenching, and etching mediums, are all included in this comprehensive volume. Jim also introduces the techniques for the creation of damascus steel in this volume. Those interested in the manufacture of damascus steel will also find a source of study, in Jims latest book, "The Pattern-Welded Blade", which is strictly for the

advanced forger that desires to create damascus and mosaic patterens, and who has worked through Jims first two books. The books by Jim Hrisoulas are the best written in the field, and a most welcome addition to the forging knifemaker. Nels Nelson

I purchased this text as a gift for my son. It was highly recommended by other reviewers and even though it was a bit pricey, it was well worth every penney. One reviewer did not like the black and white photos, designs, and drawings, but as an instructional text that contains a vast amount of Indepth detail regarding the process of working with steel at an advanced level, the lack of color photography made perfect sense. This is a beautifully designed text but it is not an artsy text persay. My son has spent several hours studying the text and has said he learns something new every time he reviews chapters that he has already read. I would highly recommend this text to anyone interested in the art of working with steel and learning all the finer points. Beginner and expert would find this text both an educational and an enjoyable read.D.J. Gerber

Sweetest continuation to its Master Bladesmith book. In the best style of Jim, fulll of diagrams, pictures and straight to the point explanations. A pleasure to read and study, and a good study reference for working later on the forge.

Excellent book, Jim Hrisoulas tells you how to do things PROPERLY, not half @\$\$ed. He inspired me to start my own blacksmith shop, along with a few other books, for the prices you can get this book, it has incredible artwork along with a contact list for all of the artists, emails, phone numbers, etc. They welcome questions as this is a fairly rare craft nowadays.

I have the predecessor Jim Hrisoulas' book to this one. I was so impressed with it that I bought this book for additional detailed information about the bladesmith craft and blacksmithery in general. This book will provide additional knowledge on metal manipulation to produce outstanding blades of all kinds. If you're a beginning smith, I highly recommend you buy this book.

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