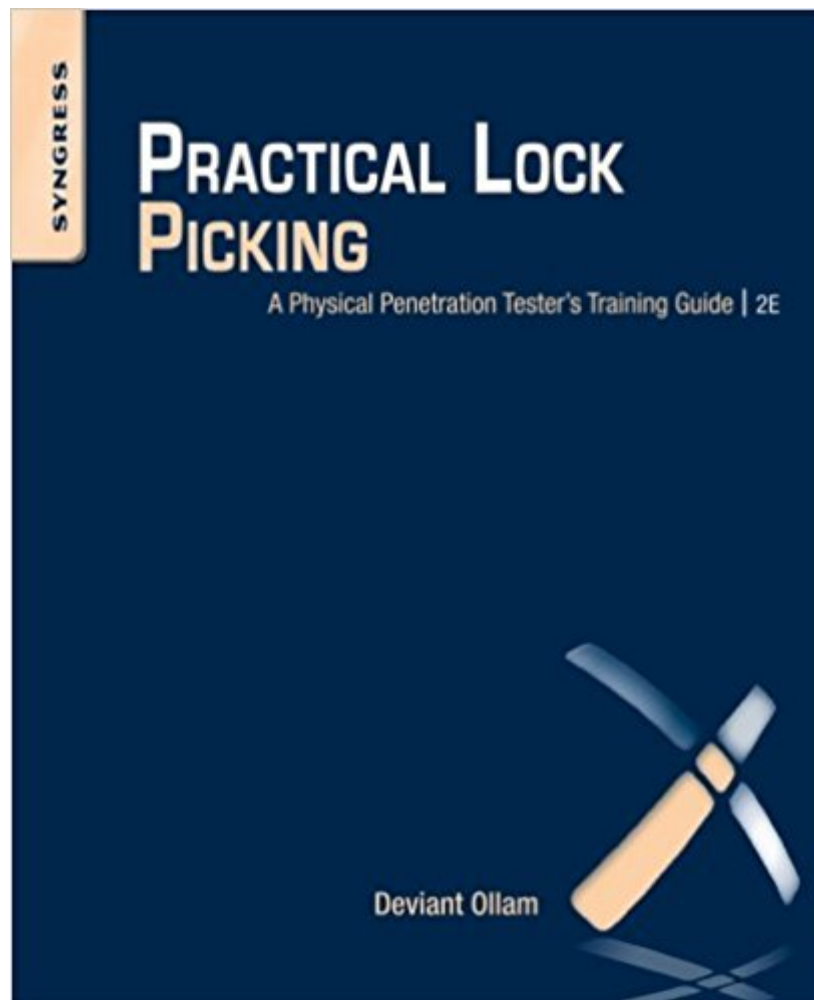




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Practical Lock Picking, Second Edition: A Physical Penetration Tester's Training Guide



Synopsis

Practical Lock Picking, Second Edition, is an instructional manual that covers everything from straightforward lockpicking to quick-entry techniques such as shimmying, bumping, and bypassing. Written by Deviant Ollam, one of the security industry's best-known lockpicking teachers, and winner of the Best Book Bejtlich Read in 2010 award, this book contains detailed photos that make learning as easy as picking a lock. Material is offered in easy-to-follow lessons that allow even beginners to acquire the knowledge very quickly. Whether the student will be hired at some point to penetrate security or simply trying to harden his or her own defenses, this book is essential. This edition has been updated to reflect the changing landscape of tools and tactics which have emerged in recent years. It consists of 6 chapters that discuss topics such as the fundamentals of pin tumbler and wafer locks; the basics of picking, with emphasis on how to exploit weaknesses; tips for beginners on how to get very good and very fast in picking locks; advanced training; quick-entry tricks about shimmying, bumping, and bypassing; and pin tumblers in other configurations. This book is geared specifically toward penetration testers, security consultants, IT security professionals, and hackers. Detailed full-color photos make learning as easy as picking a lock. Extensive appendix details tools and toolkits currently available for all your lock picking needs.

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Practical Lock Picking, A Second Edition is presented with rich, detailed full-color diagrams and includes easy-to-follow lessons that allow even beginners to acquire the knowledge they need quickly. Everything from straightforward lock picking to quick-entry techniques like shimmying, bumping, and bypassing are explained and illustrated. Whether you're being hired to penetrate security or simply trying to harden your own defenses, this book is essential. This edition includes a new chapter on user re-keyable locks, as well as new information pertaining to practice picking of beginner locks, discussion of new types of jiggle tools, coverage of many new tubular lock picking tools, as well as advice on bypassing equipment.

I bought this book to get a basic understanding of locks and it was satisfactory for that purpose. I am not especially interested in picking locks but understanding the process is very valuable to understand what to avoid to increase security. I can now recognize good padlocks and poor padlocks and can understand how pin tumbler locks are made pick resistant. The discussion of wafer locks was not as good - the author seemed to assume that they were so inferior that they deserved very little space. As a result, my understanding of wafer locks is inferior to my understanding of pin tumbler locks.

This book is one of the best I've seen covering the art of amateur lock picking. It's clearly written yet easy to follow, and I found it very useful.

Very informative, well written with detailed illustrations. Great book for beginners to fully understand the mechanics and the finesse needed to advance their skills.

Get a cheap starter set of lock picks and this book and you should be picking locks in a few hours. Seriously. I saw Deviant Ollam live at the Secure360 security conference, and he definitely knows his stuff.

Excellent book but I got more out of youtube videos on how to.

I'm the proud child of two police officers and my number one hero growing up was Sherlock Holmes. Not saying those are exactly the reasons, but I'm pretty sure they helped. Reasons for what you say? Well I like to learn all kinds of random skills. Especially ones that circumvent physical or psychological barriers. For me it's basically the continuation of taking things apart and putting them back together. I ordered this due to the above interest and the previous reviews posted here. I have to say the good reviews were spot on. In straight forward, simple language ('layman's terms'), Ollam takes locks apart and puts them back together with excellent diagrams and explanations of techniques. Also covered are the legal ramifications and mindset when approaching this skill set that could very well lead to uncomfortable positions and spur of the moment explanations if misused. In addition terminology is also distilled to make it easier to talk about locks and techniques with other hobbyists and professionals.

Very insightful and helpful.

I love the educated proper English explaining clearly to me the system of lock structure of which I've had no clue of understanding until now. It gives me confidence hearing it and believing that the author is giving the real facts. His delivery is encouraging me to continue to learn while I'm a real novice now. And now, I love locks.

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