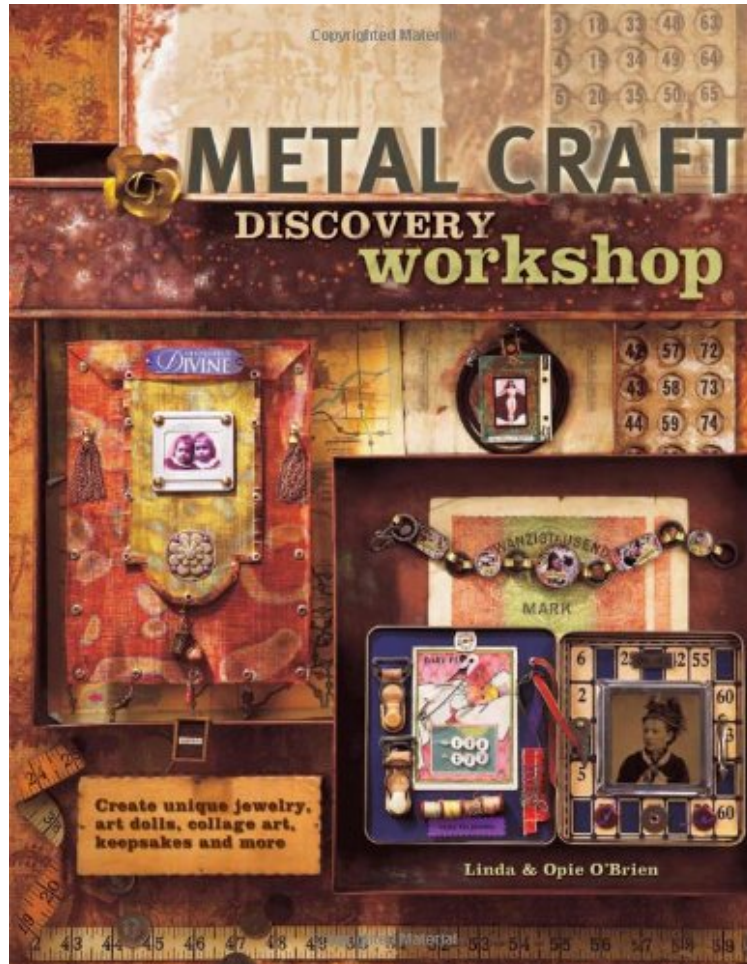


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magnificent job of writing for beginners, without turning off those more familiar with metal. Another reason I'd recommend this book? It proves that the most important factor in making magnificent art is the creative drive - not a lot of expensive tools. For example, did you know you could get a patina finish with potato chips and water? I'm serious...and the O'Briens tell you how - in a fun, breezy style that amps up your desire to jump in. After following this book you'll have some neat new metal creations - and you'll have learned from two of the best. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Discovery did not disappoint! By J. Brown Not knowing what to expect, I was pleasantly surprised with this quality publication. The pictures are wonderful, but what I like best is being able to learn the techniques at the front of the book, which are written clearly, step by step, and then seeing those applications carried out in the projects, at the end of the book. This book has it all -- so many books don't get it right -- teaching you the methods separately and explaining why and how in a manner that gives one confidence. Then, taking those same techniques and providing a step by step explanation of how to make the projects using the techniques. I can't think of a thing I would change in this book. It will be one I turn to for both instruction and inspiration time and time again. I will now be on the look-out for other works from these authors to add to my collection. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Metal Craft Discovery Workshop By Catherine Taylor Thank you for such a fascinating book. Well written and illustrated that you feel you're right there making the project. So many wonderful idea's and techniques spelled out for a successful creation. I loved reading this book. Gave me many techniques to use to make my own creation's. Highly recommend!!

Creating with metal has never been easier! Whether it's jewelry, journals or kitschy keepsakes that spark your fire, Metal Craft Discovery Workshop shows just how easy it is to create 20 fun and funky projects step-by-step, from a miniature journal to an altered lunch box. A nontraditional approach and a comprehensive techniques section will introduce you to the whimsical side of metal. Not only will you learn secrets to cutting and joining metal, you'll also: Explore ways to age and add texture to metal Discover the numerous types of metal available, including copper, mesh, wire and recycled material Conjure up beautiful patina finishes with several "secret" recipes Find further inspiration in the artists' gallery section You'll love creating these pieces, whether you've worked with metal before or you're new to the medium. Give your recycle bin a second glance and start crafting beautiful pieces with metal today.

About the Author Linda and Opie O'Brien are full-time mixed media artists who enjoy pushing the envelope through their imaginative use of metal, organic, recycled, and found materials. Their work, which includes jewelry, books, assemblage, collage, dolls, masks, and more, has been featured in numerous books, magazines, galleries, group and solo shows, museum gift shops and private collections. Opie, an artist and musician, attended the School of Visual Arts and also studied at Pratt Institute in New York City. On the musical side of the coin, he played Carnegie Hall and Madison Square Garden with the Raspberries and Tommy James. His approach to art is disciplined, structured, and meticulous. Linda, on the other hand, is self-taught. Her philosophy is "no rules, no restrictions." Her raw, free-spirited style and nontraditional techniques define her as a true "outsider" artist. She has written feature articles for several publications, including Belle Armoire and Art Doll Quarterly magazines.