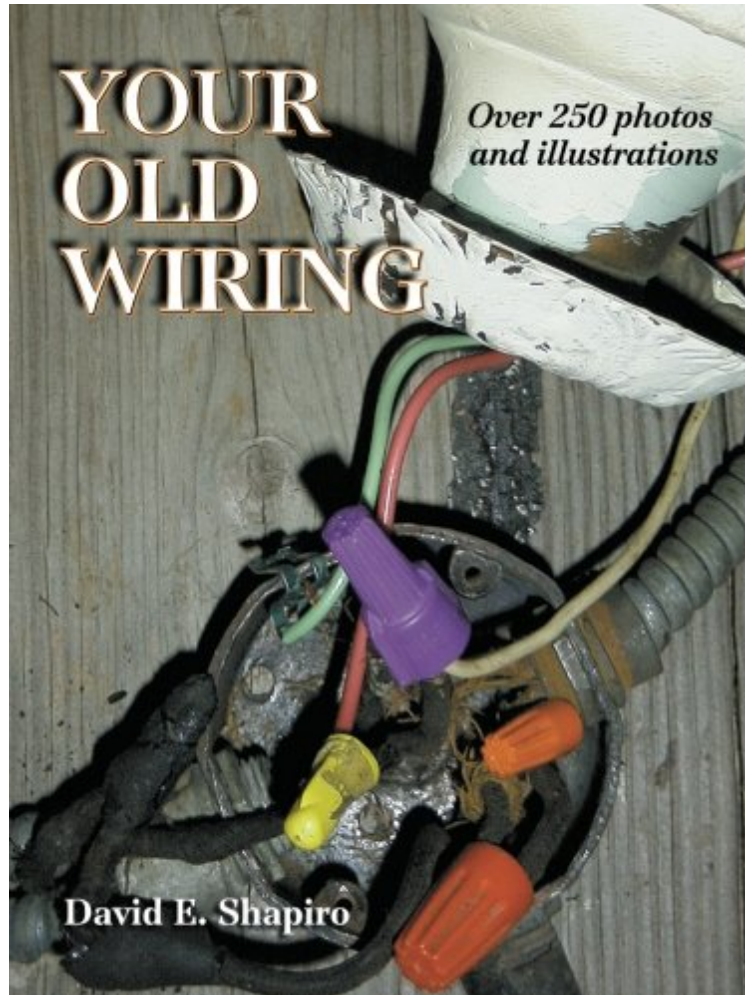


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advanced, the same author has the book "Old Electrical Wiring" (with a new edition coming out fall 2010.) It does have some faults, no in-depth discussion of repairing knob and tube wiring and not the best pictures ever. Despite these faults, the information is so unique and so valuable to people with old wiring that I can't recommend this book highly enough. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very Poor Content
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By Conrad DuBois
Your Old Wiring is a book on old house wiring and adding new wiring to old wiring. The book starts out with stressing safety when wiring old wiring or new wiring. One thing the author really hit on time after time is to use a tester even though you have turned the breaker off or pulled the fuse. You never know when someone before you had done some sloppy or dangerous wiring that could shock you even though the power is off to that circuit. The author goes through different electrical panels and fuse boxes and points out many things that could be a shock hazard or fire hazard! The amateur will not know the difference unless they read this book!! Then the author points out the right way to correct these hazards. A real good book to read even if you have done wiring before!! If you have an older house with old wiring this is a must have book!!!

*Written by a master electrician this book shows homeowners and do-it-yourselfers how to go behind the walls of their old homes and correct messy, outdated wiring*Packed with over 250 photos and illustrations, 10 common wiring projects (like installing ceiling fans) and before and after photographs*The only house wiring book that shows how to identify and correct old electrical wiring, simply and safely

From the Back Cover
What to Do (and How to Do It). What Not to Do. How to Tell the Difference IS IT WORKMANSHIP OR GUESSWORK? If you live in an older home, you never know what lurks behind switchplates and outlet covers, inside fuse boxes and breaker panels, writes master electrician David Shapiro. He's conquered the tangles masquerading as wiring in hundreds of old buildings, and in this book he shows you not just what should be in your electrical system, as other books do, but also what really may be there--and how to deal with it. YOUR OLD WIRING is the only guidebook available with this important feature. Pictures show you how to: * Distinguish good wiring and fixtures from bad * Install a ceiling fan * Replace a light fixture * Change a switch * Wire outdoor fixtures * Select the right supplies * Locate and repair problems * Do preventive maintenance SOLVE YOUR ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS At last there's an easy, safe approach to that possible fire hazard (a.k.a.: your old wiring system). This informative, photo-packed book can help anyone do home electrical jobs with ease, confidence, and skill. YOUR OLD WIRING provides pictures that help you do everything from simple splicing repairs to installing a ceiling fan. Simple and Safe
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