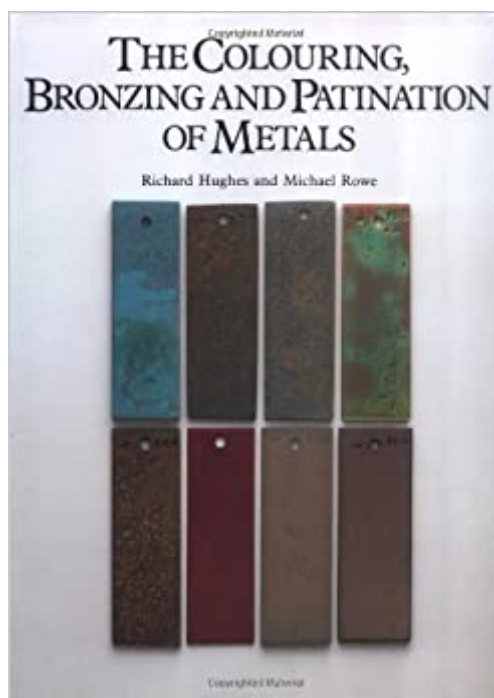


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# The Colouring, Bronzing And Patination Of Metals



## Synopsis

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Beautiful book, irreplaceable info. I saw this years ago at a price of over \$100 and balked, but I should have bought it then. If you are a committed bronze artist/ crafts person and you want to get good patinas you will eventually buy this book, as it is the only one in print that is top notch in sophistication and comprehensiveness. Some might think this book with it's great technique descriptions, over 250 high quality patina chip photos, over 1000 distinct patina formulas and an incredible bibliography as esoteric and overly demanding in terms of chemistry and technique, but

the rest will consider it priceless. Best patination book in print, possibly the best ever.

A must for those that look for an elusive new patina to compliment a new creation. The list of patinas and the formulas are a bit overwhelming at first, as if you were choosing the first chocolate in the box! Many of the patinas are not for "home" artists, as some of the materials require strict safety measures. But, there are many to choose from for all types of metals. In fact, I truly appreciate that the patinas are sorted by metals and the formulas follow the color images.

This book has a wealth of information. It can be a little difficult to navigate, but its all there. I would like to have seen many more coloured plates (examples of metal patinations and some of the set ups etc) for the cost though. The price tag will put many off, but it is a fully loaded publication, and a great tech ref book.

I could read for hours and hours about the different colors that are discussed in this book. I would consider this book an excellent source for information on just about any color patina you are looking for on silver, bronze, brass or copper. There are several beautiful color plates, but not nearly as many as there are colors that are given. I am also very interested in specifics and would have like to have seen some color photos of the processes in action, but, I am now just making my own. Anyway, it is a great book and I am glad to have it in my collection.

I have previously owned the book. destroyed it from use. It's an excellent reference manual, though a little redundant. If I had coauthored it I would have organized it by formulas, not metals.

Very good

Came as ordered, Works great. good Product!

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