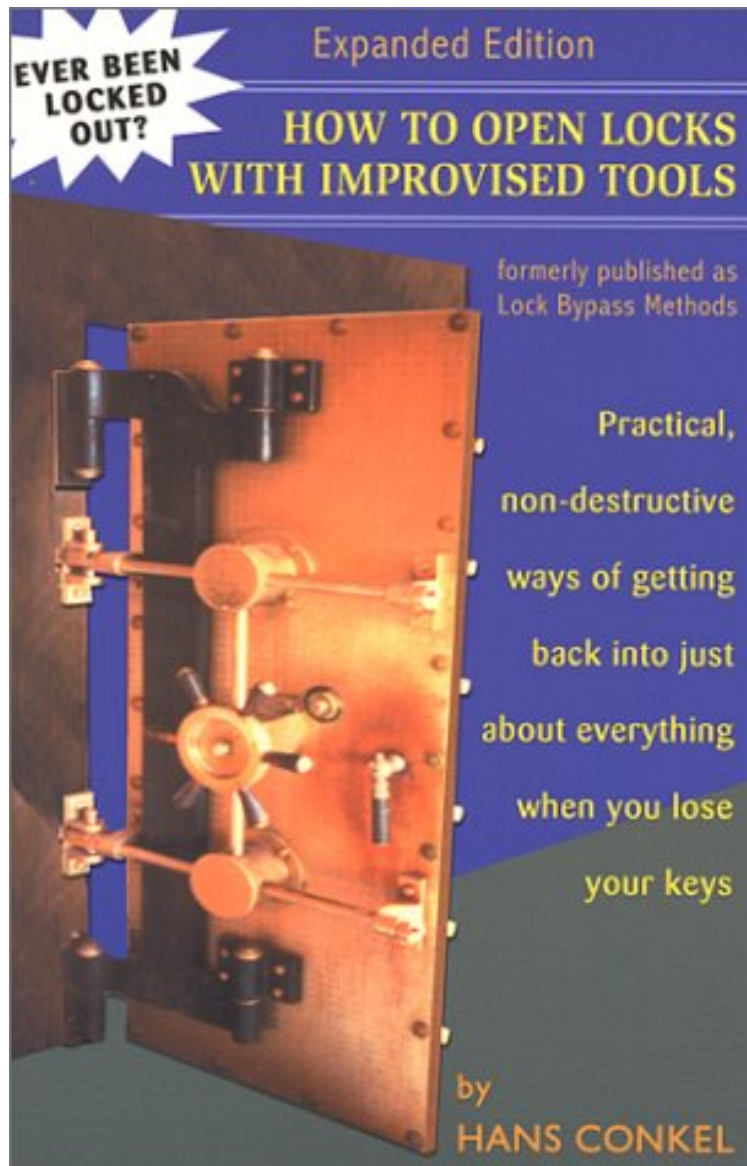


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. very informative
By Mai Vyou
Quite thorough information with several warnings about laws which will snag your freedom should you carry about some of these tools. Directions are given for picking as well as making your own set of tools.
Notes: 1. If you want to be anything NEAR good at picking locks: you must get various locks to work on: you must have tools; you MUST devote hours to practice, practice, practice; you must develop skill at feeling, through your tools, what's going on inside that lock.
2. The actions you see in movies and TV shows regarding lock picking is for entertainment and largely hogwash!
3. The warnings in the book regarding laws and the possession of lock picks is for real. If you want to carry such things without concerns IF you are ever searched by a law officer, you had better become a LICENSED Locksmith.
4. You're in the clear for such tools and action in your own home. Enjoy.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good Basic Bypass/Entry Book with Some Novel Ideas
By Joe christensen
This book was a really helpful guide to bypass and other entry methodologies and had quite a lot on creating your own tools, which I found to be helpful. the book tends to go a bit overboard on warnings not to use these techniques for unauthorized entry but it is understandable that the book should include such warnings. While most of these entry methodologies can be found via google search, it is very helpful to have them in one place and some of the methods of entry were quite novel. overall a good read with a lot of incidental information on how locks work. This is a good book for lockout specialists to have.
2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Includes Impractical Bypass Methods/ Excludes Those Even I've Used??
By Linda McLinda
I appreciated the chapters involving lock picking, and though Mr Conkel does suggest many items that can be made into picks, such as street sweeper bristles he picks up out of gutters (ewww!) and metal garden rake prongs, he doesn't really tell you HOW to make them into picks. He suggests not heating it with a blow torch, instead to file it down yourself so it doesn't become brittle. Are you serious? But hey, I'm that girl who took photography in schools so I wouldn't have to do shop class.
Then he goes on to fill chapters with poorly illustrated, and detailed instructions on bypass methods that are impractical at best! Doesn't mention anything about bypassing an inward opening door (sorry, I don't know what this bypass is technically called, you don't brute shove the door or anything, I had to cut a notch in an old credit card when I locked myself out of the office building I was working in, slide the card up and around the back of the latch and the door opened right up.)
No mention of lifting your sliding glass door, or lifting those storm windows (with the two latches, one on each side that you squeeze together to open and release to lock in place) just enough to slide a looped phone cord in on each side and squeeze them as you lift, instead he assumes that nobody has decent weather stripping and you can fit complicated improvised contraptions through the door-jam and manage to catch the deadbolt latch and pull it THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION! OK Houdini, maybe if my life depended on it, but otherwise, I'm calling a locksmith.
And the first chapter is a bit insulting, as if the reader doesn't already know that stealing from people is wrong.
BTW, if you are into making your own picks, don't catch tetanus from playing with rusty rakes and street sweeper bristles, just buy new windshield wiper blades for your car and take the rubber off of the old ones. The metal strips make perfect picks, if you're good at filing them, which I'm not.
*** I decided to edit my review, I am giving Mr Conkel's book another star, as it turns out, he was right after all... making your own picks and wrenches is more effective and more enjoyable. I don't know why I like to play with locks, but it is a hobby so it makes sense that I'd rather make my own, improvised tools. I can understand though, why a professional locksmith would prefer to invest in high quality tools. I am using a Dremel and wiper blades, though I will keep his other suggestions in mind.

Practical, real-world solutions to lockouts. Learn to open doorknobs, deadbolts, car doors, padlocks, handcuffs, et cetera. This book sold out as "Lock Bypass Methods," and has proven to be the best manual on keyless entry available. Since your resources are usually on the other side of the door when you're locked out, it shows how to improvise tools from garbage and common, everyday items. Multiple entrance options are provided in case of stubborn doors or limited materials. Thousands of people have successfully opened doors using techniques they learned in "Lock Bypass Methods." This expanded edition has more illustrations and new techniques. This book will not waste your time trying to explain how to pick sidebar locks, or activate magnetic-stripe readers without a key card. It DOES explain how to open doors protected by these locks, simply and without damage, through bypass techniques. A latch holds something shut, and a lock is a gateway to that latch. This book teaches ways to climb over the fence and ignore the gate. You will learn how to pick locks, a skill that works 60-70% of the time. More importantly, you will learn methods to trip actuators, move linkage rods, take advantage of mechanical design flaws, exploit tolerances in a lock's setting, and other practical means of entry. The book's focus is on problem solving, not presenting methods that are too difficult to accomplish. Many other books in this field suffer from too much theory and too little delivery. If it doesn't work, it

isn't in here. This book is designed to give the reader skills that open locks without keys or damage. It is not a whitewashed or glossed-over set of instructions that leave a reader feeling as if failure is his fault and he just hasn't developed some special esoteric talent. Difficulties encountered in opening methods are identified, explained, and solutions are given to cope with them. The book is clearly written and illustrated, and covers problem solving, how locks work, picking, bypassing, and tool making. If you are interested in opening locks without keys, you should have this book.

About the Author Hans Conkel has been involved in locksmithing since 1994. His primary interests in the field are covert entry techniques and the investigation of criminal entry. Currently, he is writing "The Forensic Study of Forced Entry," which he hopes to finish in late 2002. Outside of locksmithing, he has two ongoing fiction projects and one mathematics project.