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Tom Meehan, Lane Meehan : Working with Tile (Taunton's Build Like a Pro) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Working with Tile (Taunton's Build Like a Pro):

30 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Good but not awesome. Retitle it "spend like pro" not build like a pro By D. Brown Depending on your skill level, potentially a good book. For my first tile project (a bathroom floor + tub surround) I relied John Bridge's "Tile Your World," this book, and Michael Byrne's "Setting Tile"--roughly in that order of preference. I recommend all 3 as each has different valuable info. Books are cheap compared to your time materials cost. This book has the advantage of great photos and it's modern, unlike Byrne's book or Bridge's first (older) book. However, it definitely lacks key pieces of information and is quite sparse. You need to read, and reread, each section several times because the text is not written in a linear, step-by-step format. (Where was the editor?) I think it's more of an overview with ideas about design, tools, etc. than a clear "how-to" which the Bridge and Byrne books are. Numerous high quality color photos which are helpful for design and for learning some layout tricks. Things I dislike: (1) minimal discussion of key things like how to mix thinset, the tub-to-tile junction in a tile surround, etc. I'm sure there would be more if I had advanced beyond floors and tub surrounds. (2) They should retitle it "Spend Like

a Pro." Rather than tell a DIY-er what's essential vs. what can be done with basic tools, Meehan assumes that as needed you will drop \$2000 on a Gemini Revolution saw, buy a DeWalt mitering wet saw (\$1000), buy only Stabila levels (\$\$\$), buy top-of-the-line laser leveling tools, buy a \$60 A-square, use only Ditra, etc. These are great (and I do use Ditra too) but there are certainly cheaper ways to avoid. If this is your only resource, you'd never know about alternatives. Do yourself a favor and buy this book but get the newer Bridge book and the Byrne book too. Also discover the tile forums on the web. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book By The Greek Good for reference 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good advice book By Dad -2- Seven I've been looking for a book to recommend to my clients who want to do their own tile work and thought this was the one. It does contain a lot of good advice on layout, preparation and installation but, the pictures and the quality of work presented are just okay. I'm not going to recommend this version but hopefully they'll have a new version with better quality finish work presented.

The latest techniques for the latest technology. Advances in technology have brought many new installation products and tools to the world of tiling in recent years, including waterproofing membranes, backerboards, grouts, and cutting tools. That's why DIYers will welcome the thoroughly updated, easy-to-follow directions in *Working with Tile*. Introducing two all-new sections. You'll benefit from new content focusing on grouting (which can make or break any job) and working with porcelain and glass tile (a daily challenge to tile and shower door installers and plumbers). This perennial bestseller, first published in 2005 and now fully updated, also provides expert advice and over 370 photos to guide you through common remodeling projects like adding a backsplash or retiling a powder-room floor.

About the Author TOM MEEHAN got his start laying tile with his father on weekends and has been installing tile for more than 40 years. Together with his wife, LANE, they own Cape Cod Tileworks in Harwich, Massachusetts. They are both long time contributors to "Fine Homebuilding" magazine.