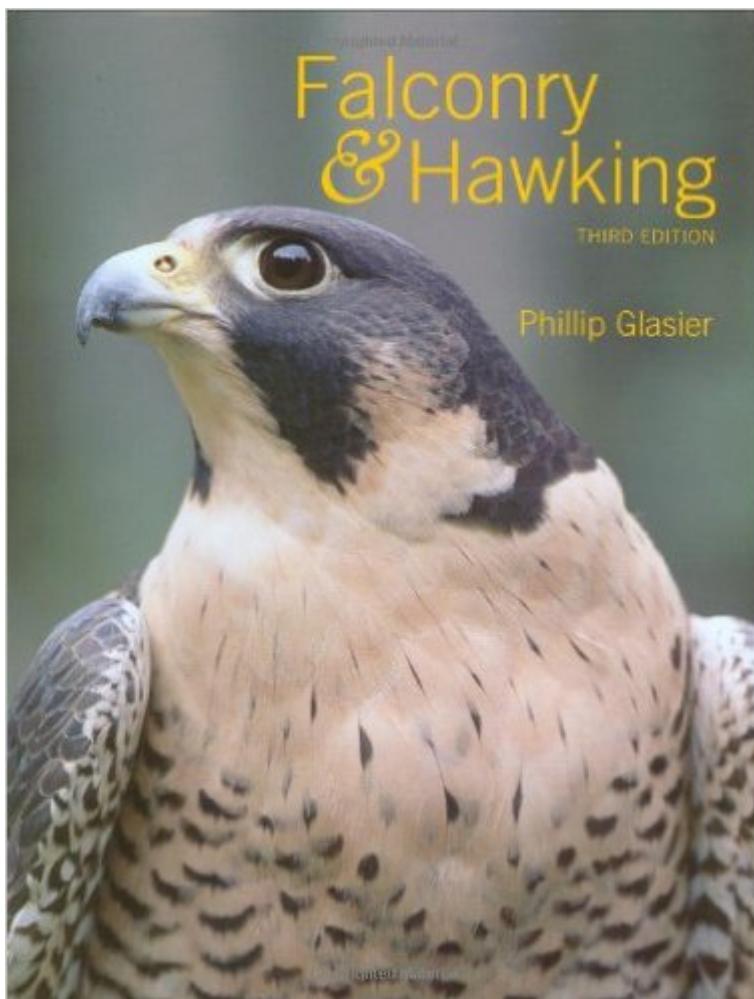


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# Falconry & Hawking



## Synopsis

In this third edition of his classic guide to training, caring for, and hunting with falcons and hawks, Phillip Glasier, an experienced teacher of falconry, continues to provide the best, most detailed information available to the beginner. In conjunction with raptor specialist Greg Simpson, he presents completely new, fully up-to-date coverage of health and disease, as well as in-depth advice on keeping birds of prey loose in an aviary. Both newcomers and those familiar with the sport will find invaluable knowledge.

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This book is the necessary book you must have with you, all is explain with simplicity, photographies and pictures. Step by step you will know everything you must know about falconry and hawking. I'm an old falconer and this book is precious for example to make hoods, lure, and practice medical actions on our birds.

My argument with this book is with its American publisher and not the author. Even the author expressed a need for more updating in his preface to this 3rd edition. Although published as a revised edition in 1998 it was first published in 1978. Other than the chapter on Health and Disease chapter it has had very little editing to bring it up to date. If you are buying the book thinking you are getting up to date information relating to American falconry you will be very disappointed. The laws in the United Kingdom are very different than ours. In the United States you are required to trap your 1st bird, a Redtail or Kestrel, from the wild. The author is from England where trapping your own bird

is illegal. So the information on trapping in the book is very sparse. If you turn to Appendix I for, Some Useful Address, you'll find the address for the North American Falconers Asso. invalid and an address for Pete Asborno bells even though he has passed away. The publisher's claim that this book is the most comprehensive book ever written on the sport is very debatable and with regards to American falconry is absolutely false! The book, North American Falconry and Hunting Hawks, is not only more comprehensive but also up to date. You will probably have to find it at a specialized falconry retailer but it is in print. It's now in its 8th edition and a far better choice for an aspiring American Falconer. With all my criticism of the publisher, I have none of the author or the book if it was properly represented. It is an excellent, modern classic falconry book that deserves to remain in print.

For anyone seriously considering falconry this is still THE bible albeit there are some omissions from a US perspective. I have nearly 20 years experience and have read virtually every recognised book on the subject. This is still the book I refer back to the most. A classic.

Masterly written in an easy to understand for non-experts and experts. The flow of writing covering topics to topics is able to facilitate a newbie's learning about the world and art of falconry in a natural way. The salient points are revealed free of jargons and complicated explanations as author don't beat around the bush. Topics dealt with are also quite wide, from understanding of the birds' needs to recommendations of making and building one's own aviary and falconry equipment, with diagrams to help and tips from the author's personal set up and preference for doing things the way that are best based on his extensive years of experience. Before training the birds, the basic tip on choice of which kind of raptor is also important to match the falconer's temperament and capability, and this provides an interesting information on the birds' habit and flying capabilities. Also where ever it differs, author gives comparisons with the sport in the USA, which contrast with England in terms of vast expanse of land that suit certain kinds of falcons or hawks, such as the larger ones. Book is in great clean condition and arrived well.

This book contains practically everything you need to know about flying long wings, short wings, and ways to hunt many different kinds of game. It's got sections on how to make your own equipment, information about raptor diseases, and how to train your falcon/hawk from the moment you first capture it to a lean mean hunting machine(just an expression of course). This was an enjoyable book to read and it's going to serve as a useful reference to read for a long time. I bought

this book as a way to have as much information as possible in one location, and the price I got it at made this a valuable book.

My husband was interested in eventually getting into falconry. This book was a good way for him to learn more about what he hopes to get involved in some day. It was a great resource to see where he would need to start and what falconry would entail.

This book is definitely not for North American falconers. Many topics seem out dated. This book does have some interesting information on glove making and bell making.

I knew very little about Falconry but after reading all the C.J. Box Books I got interested because there was a character in the books who was a Falconer. Falconry and Hawking is an amazing book it explains every thing a falconer would need to know and that is an awful lot! I haven't been reading it from beginning to end instead I've been skipping around to different subjects every time I pick the book up but I intend to have read all 322 pages by the time I'm done. Definitely a must have for a beginning Falconer. I ordered my book from . Barbara Lee Hill

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