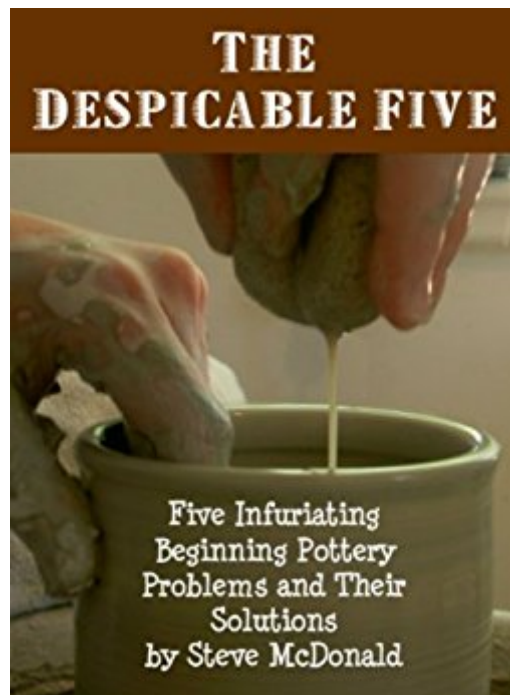




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The Despicable Five - Five Infuriating Beginning Pottery Problems And Their Solutions



Synopsis

Pottery making is a fun and rewarding craft. However, beginning potters, new to throwing on the wheel, face a very steep learning curve. The steepness of this learning curve causes many would-be ceramic artists to quit just before they reach the top of the hill. The Despicable Five was designed to teach you how to overcome the five most infuriating and insidious problems that every beginning potter will face. These ceramic catastrophes can hit you on your first day working with clay, or after you have thrown pots a hundred times. Armed with the knowledge in this little guide, you'll be able to overcome these ceramic challenges in a fraction of the time. You can read this guide in an hour or two, but it is packed with tips and tricks to drastically improve your experience as a beginning potter. The Despicable Five are:- The Centering Death Wobble- An Ugly Bottom (too thin or a volcano forming in the center)- Pinching through the Walls (the most insidious)- Cracks in the Bottom of the Pot (you only notice AFTER the pot is finished)- Wobbly Walls (why won't my pot come up straight?) All of these problems are solved in the book, with additional tips and advice along the way. ** New! Added June 24th, 2013** Bonus link to 8 pottery videos that I created to help you see the correct techniques for the whole throwing process from start to finish.

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Customer Reviews

Steve McDonald perfectly nails the five troublesome problems that all new potters experience with both an explanation of what caused it and how to solve it. His sense of humor makes for an easy, pleasant read. Although I wish had a bit more length to it (mainly because I enjoyed his writing style), it did help me as the world's worst potter trying to unclaim that title.

As a potter/teacher, I'm all over the place when it comes to what to do with a lump of clay. While putting slabs together to create a piece is all some students choose to do, an introduction to the wheel can help them move forward and grow. When I saw the booklet, I had to download it, and wasn't disappointed. I needed a review, too! Coincidentally, the studio where I play in the clay, is offering a throwing class today. I'll definitely recommend the book!

I wasn't looking to be a pottery artisan. I just wanted to stop the clay from shooting off the wheel. The book helped correct my mistakes and gave me the confidence to keep at it. Practice, practice, practice.

Steve, even as an accomplished potter, I found your book delightful. I knew most of this info, but it was nice to hear these precepts elucidated again. I wish I had read your book when I first started to throw, I would be much farther along in this process called pottery.

Directions were easy to understand. Solutions made sense. Eager to give them a try. Made me feel better to know that your first pot can be better than your second and there is still hope for the future.

Really enjoyed reading this as a kindle book on the iPad. The author was knowledgeable and made it a quick and interesting read. Highly recommend it.

On the money! A long time teacher, and I appreciate clear description and solutions. Will be reading it aloud in class.

Very helpful to review key trouble areas and what to do to avoid problems or resolve problems.

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