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David L. McDougall : The Country Blacksmith (Shire Library) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Country Blacksmith (Shire Library):

This book tells the story of the country blacksmith and his importance as the hub of village life. It describes his techniques, tools, and contribution to rural work. It includes the mythology of the blacksmith and the good fortune brought by horseshoes - and which way to hang them up! Thought at one time to be a declining craft, this book highlights the recent revival in blacksmithing with many young people taking up the craft in college course.

About the Author David McDougall is a museum and heritage consultant. His first project was to construct the working blacksmith's forge within the boat dock and the Black Country Museum. At the National Waterways Museum in Gloucester, he oversaw the building of Llanthony Yard forge, fitting it out with equipment from redundant forges throughout Britain's canal system. He owns a former village forge. Mr. McDougall lives in UK.