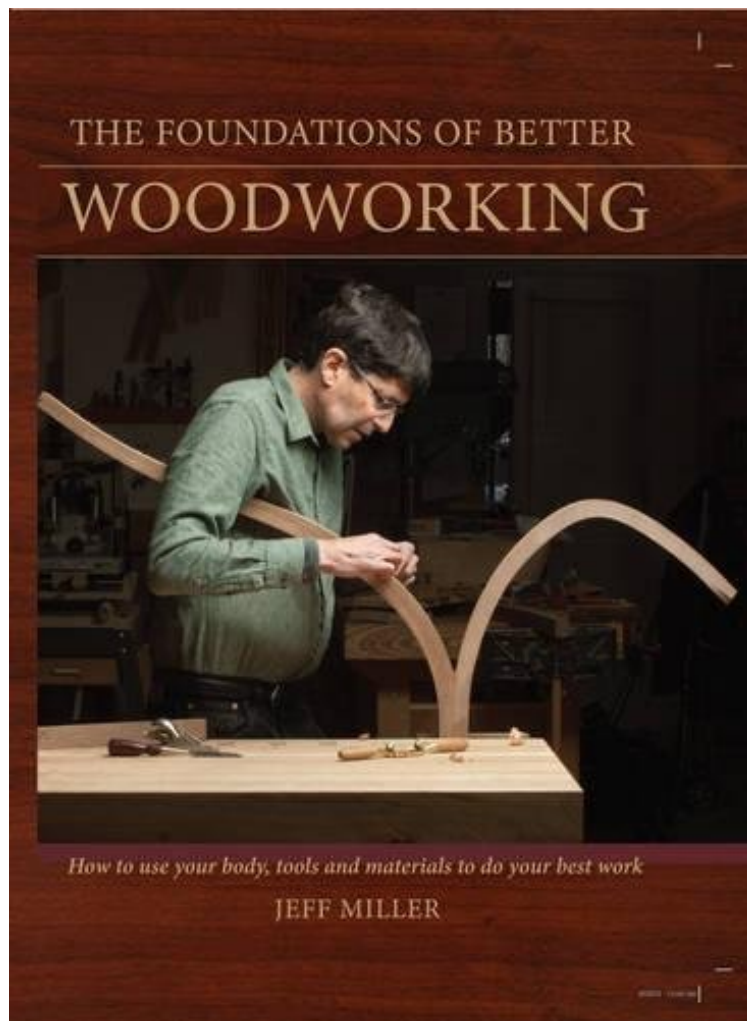


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About the Author Jeff Miller is a designer, craftsman, prolific writer, and an active teacher both at his own woodworking school in Chicago, and at furniture schools around the country. His furniture has won numerous awards, has been in shows around the country, and is in the collection of the Chicago History Museum. His book *Chairmaking and Design* won the Stanley Award for Best How-To Book of 1997 (and his companion video *Chairmaking Techniques* won best video as well). He has also written the books *Beds and Children's Furniture* and has contributed chapters to *Furniture for All Around the House* and *Storage Projects for All Around the House* for The Taunton Press and is a frequent contributor to *Fine Woodworking* and now *Popular Woodworking* magazines.