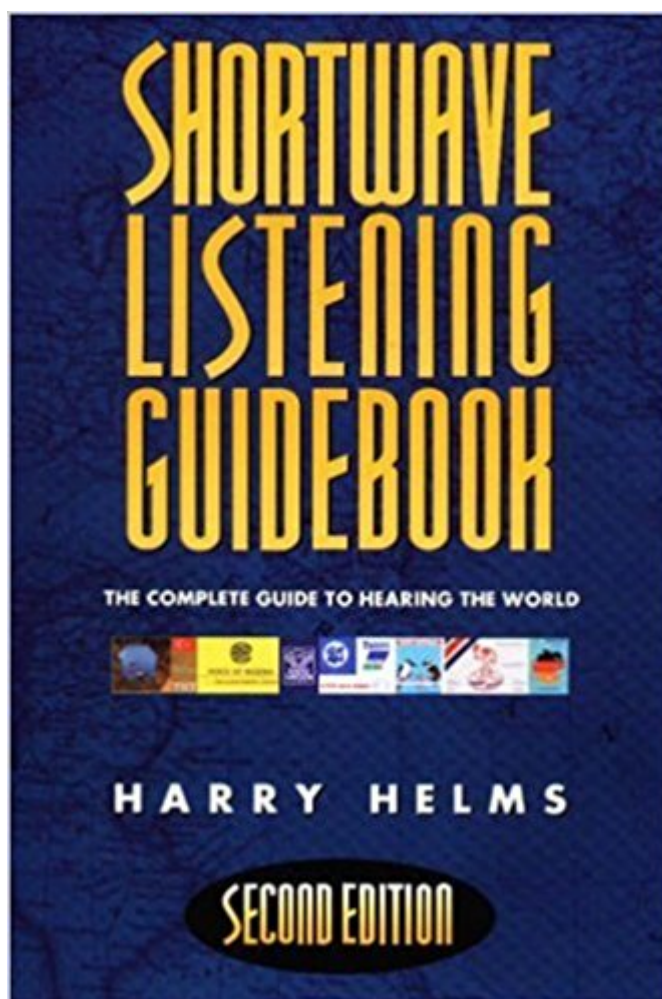


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# Shortwave Listening Guidebook: The Complete Guide To Hearing The World



## Synopsis

Join the listeners of shortwave radio. This new edition of "Shortwave Listening Guidebook" is a ticket to the world in direct, non-technical language and helps in selecting the right shortwave radio, how reception conditions vary throughout the day and year, how to correctly operate the radio, and provides information on frequencies used by stations around the world.

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First part of the book is pretty good. Second half of the book about listening to various international transmissions, is woefully out of date. This second edition is circa 1993. My advice would be to find a more recent text/

Good overall, but as SWL has moved on some portions outdated.

This book is a must for anyone listening to shortwave radios or interested in becoming an amateur radio licensed individual. I've yet to finish reading this book because I'm enjoying everything in it from nostalgia to the ionospheric layers in the atmosphere above the earth that bounce signals back and around the planet. Mr. Helms presents his materials in a smooth, easy to understand manner, that invites the reader to keep on turning the pages. I will eventually go back into this book to glean the frequency listings out of his carefully laid out paragraphs. He talks about antennas in a digestible way that makes the subject interesting as well as informative. Early in 2013 I decided to study and

take the Technician FCC test to become a 'HAM' radio operator and succeeded in this endeavor. Next I purchased a book titled 'The ARRL General Class License Manual' and began a long and sometimes memory splitting journey toward passing this next FCC test. I was simultaneously reading Mr. Helm's book and it not only cleared up many questions that arose about radio and radio propagation, but it also helped me answer test questions properly! I passed the General Class test missing only one question! When I finish this book I'll come back here and add any pertinent thoughts that arise. If you are fascinated with radio and listening to the world in so called 'real time' I recommend you learn how to do it and get the most from the hobby. You will not regret it. I know we think of the internet as the most current form of information gathering that exists but think about it, how can the internet beat the immediacy of hearing live events as they happen? Many considerations one needs to make when deciding to listen to the world via shortwave radio are covered in the book. This book helps the beginner in preparing to listen not only by explaining the operation of the radio frequency spectrum, but also with the mechanical aspects involved; including radio choices, antenna needs and seasonal as well as chronological listening periods. Things that most people haven't a clue about. Again, when I do finish this book I will return to this review with a few more specifics that I feel will interest potential purchasers. Until then, happy shortwave listening.

This book had all the information that was needed. I would like to thank all the people that made my order go through, I truly enjoy working with you. With plans to do so in future. Thank you for your time and trouble David Harriman

Good book for a beginner like me! Suggested buy

Easy to read book full of interesting facts and useful data.

Very well written book. You can tell the author had lots of hands on experience and was well versed on the subject. I would buy this book again.

Very helpful

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