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McDaniel has been a blacksmith since 1972 and gained recognition for writing and illustrating A Blacksmithing Primer, A Course in Basic and Intermediate Blacksmithing. Blacksmiths, blacksmithing organizations, and schools around the globe are using this book to teach basic to intermediate forging. He has written articles for Fabricator Magazine and The Anvils Ring Magazine. Randy now creates all of his own tooling and dies which he uses to produce a line of unique items.

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