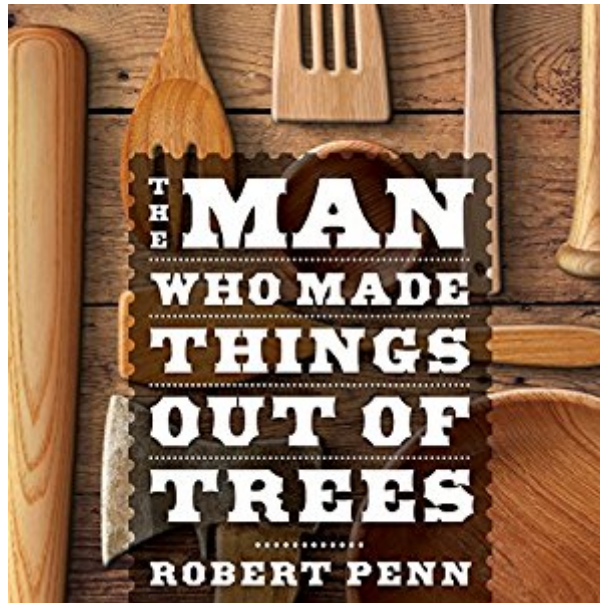




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The Man Who Made Things Out Of Trees



Synopsis

Out of all the trees in the world, the ash is the most closely bound up with who we are. From tool handles to arrows, wheels and bowls to furniture and baseball bats, humans have made more and varied use of ash than any other kind of wood. Journeying across the English-speaking world, Robert Penn meets craftsmen with rare skills and a knowledge of the properties of ash developed over millennia. He finds that ancient traditions still thrive, and he reveals how the people working with this wood every day have a particular and intimate understanding of the physical world. Yet, Penn argues, the world's remaining ash forests also face urgent perils that threaten this unique repository of human history. Brimming with surprising research and vivid nature writing, *The Man Who Made Things out of Trees* describes our ages-long relationship with forests and revels in the pleasure of making things by hand.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a story of a man who cuts down an ash tree and makes as many things as possible with the wood, letting none go to waste. His journey takes him to a number of craftsmen in a wide variety of trades. Some of them the last of their kind, more artist than artisan. From wheelwrights, to tool makers, baseball bats, bowls, arrows shafts and anything else you could use ash for. The narrative of their stories are some of the best parts of the book. Interesting project with items made to last a lifetime. It's a good book and a quick read.

I pre-ordered this book, downloaded it to kindle at 8 this morning and was half way done by noon. I have to put it down and get to work and i'm not happy about that. Devour this book, you won't regret it.

Gave this to my husband for his birthday on Saturday, and he finished it this morning. Being a woodworker himself, he was most happy with the book. Thought I might enjoy it, too.

I envision myself sitting on the stump of a tree I just cut down, a life no longer. Then I look to the future, and all of the products which can be made from the wood, and some of them will live for centuries reminding us of our love of wood. Penn wrote of the ash tree, which I cherish, but am disheartened to know that the destroying Emerald Ash Borer has now been found in 40 of the 72 counties in our state. A delightful book for anyone with an appreciation for the finer qualities of wood. And well researched, organized, and written.

I did think that this was a book about woodworking, but its really a story about a guy doing woodworking, still good though.

Text was fascinating, especially for someone living on the southern coastal plain growing longleaf pines. A few photos of finished things would have made it even more interesting.

Excellent

A really informative book, well written and thoroughly enjoyable. I couldn't put it down!

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