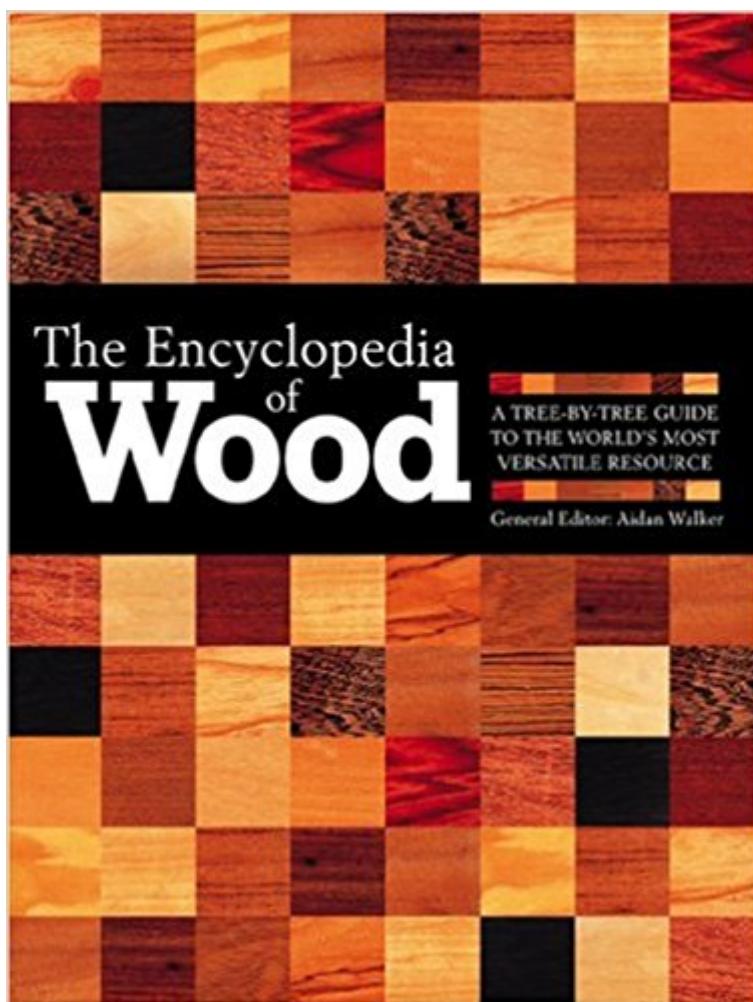


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The Encyclopedia Of Wood, New Edition: A Tree By Tree Guide To The World's Most Versatile Resource



Synopsis

An invaluable reference for woodworkers, crafters, furniture designers, and home enthusiasts, this comprehensive guide helps readers discover one of our most beautiful natural resources and learn how to use and appreciate this wonderfully versatile material. The Encyclopedia of Wood, New Edition provides an A-to-Z directory featuring more than 150 of the world's most popular woods, with information on growth rate, distribution, key characteristics, working properties, and commercial uses. Each entry includes a detailed color photograph to show the tree's unique grain, pattern, figure, and color, providing a valuable visual resource for selecting timber. An informative introduction explains the anatomy and life cycle of trees as well as the process of producing boards and veneers, and examines essential conservation issues. Perfect for use in a range of applications, this richly illustrated guide is a one-stop resource to the remarkable world of wood.

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Anyone who likes to tramp through the woods, reads the Arbor Day Foundation newsletter, or shops at home-and-garden centers can probably identify a fair number of common trees: maples, oaks, pines, and the like. Some folks can even tell a red maple from a sugar maple, a black oak from a pin oak, and a southern yellow pine from a Norway pine. However, there's a tremendous difference between identifying a living tree and identifying a piece of wood. Living trees offer lots of helpful hints: bark color, bark texture, foliage, seedpods, height, and overall shape. Seasoned, board-cut pieces of wood offer none of these hints, and that's why this specialized identification guide is so

useful. Thirty pages of introductory material, richly enhanced with outstanding maps, photos, and illustrations, explain tree anatomy, tree growth, wood grain, logging practices, conservation, and the various processes for seasoning and preservation of wood. This material is well written and beautifully presented. The real treasure, however, is the "Directory of Wood" section, which contains entries on 150 "top commercial timbers" arranged alphabetically by scientific name. Each one-page entry begins with a four-by-eight-inch photographic reproduction of the specific type of wood. The quality of the color photographs is so high that readers will be tempted to run their fingers over them to feel the wood's texture. Along with these photos are brief descriptions of growth patterns, appearance (the wood, not the living tree), properties, and uses. Closing out each entry are a small world map showing growth location and a small chart indicating structural features, such as impact resistance, bending strength, and crushing strength. The Encyclopedia of Wood is a beautifully crafted identification guide for practicing woodworkers and others whose professions depend on wood. Libraries whose constituencies include such individuals should give it serious consideration for purchase. Art A. Lichtenstein Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

"Master carpenters and budding wood-workers alike will appreciate the work that went into The Encyclopedia of Wood."

Great book for our use. Arrived in perfect condition. Would purchase more from seller. Pleased

Fantastic book, very informative

I ordered this book and The Real Wood Bible at the same time. Both books are good...they are informative of many types of wood; indigenous to the US and some of the more popular exotic woods from around the world. Ordering both books caused some duplication of info, but since I got both at a good price that's OK.

The Encyclopedia of Wood is a very fine reference book on some of the woods of the world. It has true color photos of the woods as well as all information about the trees themselves. Highly recommended. Jim S

My husband works with Wood as a hobby. He found this book very informational. It came in on time and in very good shape.

had every thing we needed, very informative

Thank you.

I bought this book for my son-in-law who loves to build all kinds of things out of wood. He was amazed at all the information in it. It is very comprehensive and he just loves it!

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