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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

Now available once again with a new preface by the author, *The Book of Bamboo* introduces us to the oldest, most remarkable resource on the planet. Part catalog, part history, *The Book of Bamboo* shows us how this versatile wood, which is both sustainable and plentiful, has been used for thousands of years to make items ranging from things needed for survival like clothing and housing to more exotic and luxurious objects like phonograph needles and children's toys, as well as dozens of others. With information both practical and wistful, David Farrelly tells us about the plant's biology and life cycle, gives tips on harvesting and planting, and lore about the ancient wood. Farrelly conveys the rich and timeless message that bamboo -- strong, flexible, and beautiful in both its natural and its finished states is an abundant resource that could beneficially replace many of the less sustainable materials now commonly used in many aspects of our daily lives and transform our culture in the process.

About the Author

David Farrelly has taught at Washington University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Saskatchewan, and has spent more than a decade planting, harvesting, and building with bamboo in Mexico, Nicaragua, and the United States.

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