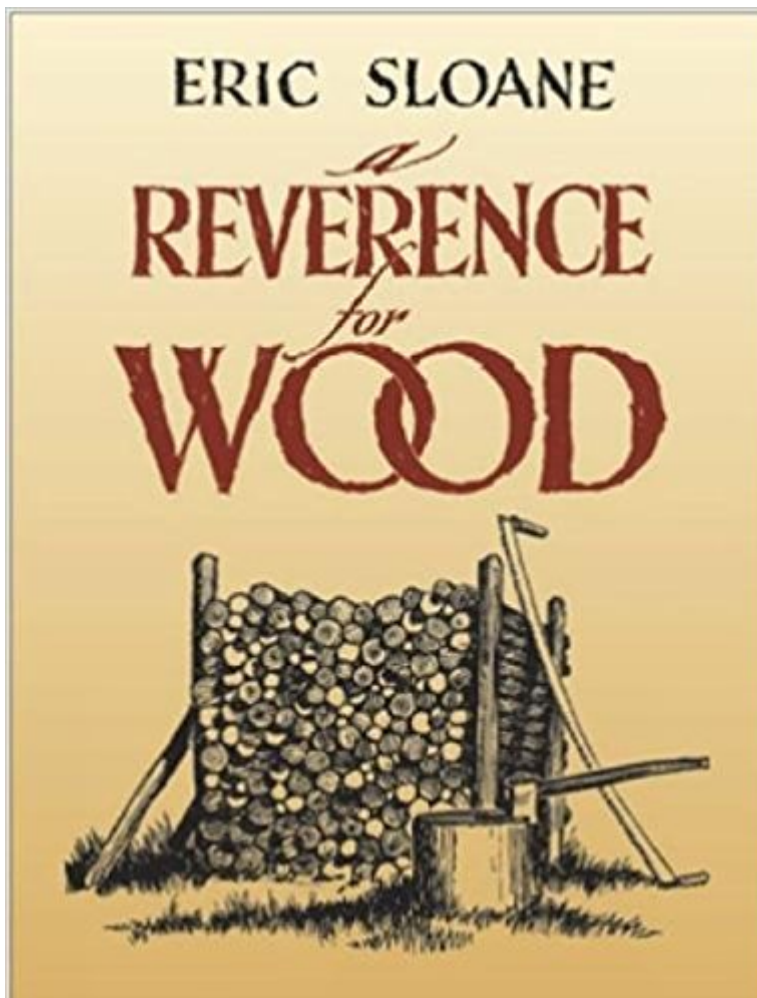


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Synopsis

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The special knowledge of which wood is suited to which task, the ready identification of native trees, the reverence for wood, the instinctive knowledge that wood can warm the soul as well as the body -- these virtues of a bygone age are revived in Eric Sloane's remarkable work. Heavily illustrated, with a section on identification of nearly sixty native trees, *A REVERENCE FOR WOOD* provides an illuminating view of the resource that made possible so much of the early settlement of North America. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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You will learn about and appreciate wood more than ever before. I last bought this book 45 years ago....

If you love wood, in all forms, from the tree to wood based products (barns, tools, etc) this is a wonderful book with lots of rich history and details that we seem to lose over time. the illustrations are excellent. We purchased this for my dad the woodworker, but I loved reading it before and after we gave it to him.

Sloane is a writer that brings human qualities to history. Wood is a absolute necessity for building the society of the past and for the future. All tree huggers and anti-tree harvest humans should read this wonderful prose and feel why timber is really important to the world. But it must me managed to not destroy the benefits. Our country has more forest acres now than 175 years ago. So sustainable harvesting and use is important.

If you're a history buff, read Eric Sloan. Engaging writing, beautiful hand-drawn illustrations. Wonderfully talented author and artist.

My husband read this book cover to cover the first day he received it. When he was considering giving up his dental practice I gave him a gift of woodwork lessons taught by a very talented young man in our area. For some reason, dentists seem to love carving, lots of detail and intricacies. He spends hours with his projects in order to get "the right feel" to the wood. He collects old tools and reworks them. At any rate, he was so taken with this particular book and wanted me to relate that to your readers. He also appreciated the seller expediting the book, in perfect condition in paperback, which is what my husband requested. Unfortunately, or maybe not, he doesn't use a computer himself.

interesting read

It gave many facts, for terms used today, that people don't know the origins of. I have a friend who enjoys working with wood, and I told them about the book. They went to the library in, Milwaukee, and they never heard of it. This friend of mine is dyslexic so I ordered this book to be sent to them. The illustrations are wonderful, and it is a good read for them. The writer of this book is the author, of an other book that I have read and I enjoy him immensely.

This is such an informative, beautifully-written little book. Enjoyed it so much, ordered another book by same author and enjoyed it just as much!

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