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by Rick Newcombe



Synopsis

Still Searching for Pipe Dreams is the second in a series following Rick Newcombe's first book, the best-selling *In Search of Pipe Dreams*. Why would anyone still smoke a pipe in the 21st century when all forms of smoking are being banned around the world? Why are so many young people drawn to pipe collecting and artistic pipemaking with such intensity and passion? And why are pipe shows suddenly sold out, with waiting lists for tables? These young pipe enthusiasts are from America, Germany, Russia, Japan, China, Italy, Denmark and all over the world. Unlike mass-marketed cigarettes, pipe smoking has a rich tradition that goes back many centuries, and the author predicts it is the only form of smoking that will last many centuries into the future. He contends that moderate pipe smoking, without inhaling, promotes relaxation and clear thinking, and it serves as an ideal antidote to stress that is much safer than the tranquilizers that are so freely dispensed today. Unlike cigar and cigarette smokers, pipe collectors actually save their pipes. They clean and polish them and put them in racks or display cabinets. If they are broken, they have them repaired. Most pipe smokers remember when they bought each pipe in their collection, and every time they take a pipe out, it is a reminder of the past, to be enjoyed in the present, for many years into the future. This book also is inspiring because of Rick Newcombe's enthusiasm and optimism, which shine through in every chapter and make it a fast-paced and enjoyable listen.

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Customer Reviews

I started pipe smoking in 1973, enjoyed it on and off for about 4 years. About 3 years ago, I thought I would give it a try again, this time with the internet as a source for knowledgeable purchases, I

bought 4 books, one of which is Rick Newcombe's book. This author has the unique ability to take the science, yes, the science, and art of pipe making to a level not achieved by others. I hardly read the other books, just not an interesting writing style and no where the information in this book. Rick writes in a fashion that allows you to experience all that he has learned not by reading, but by experiencing his travels around the world meeting these artists and explaining in the most enjoyable way, what makes up the world of pipes. His conversations with the carvers themselves allows you to be there, learning! For me, this was a one evening read, yet I do go back and reread sections. It is terrific and I loved it so much that I have purchased the audio versions for his 2 books; I strongly advise you to do the same. Using his guidance, I have purchased very inexpensive, wonderful pipes that smoke better than many that cost hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Yes, I have one expensive pipe but the others are inexpensive, great smoking pipes; I learned all of this from his book, if only I had this book years ago! If you have been smoking pipes for years or just starting, you must have this, it will take your hobby to a new level.

An excellent book, follow up to the previous one. As the writer pronounced he's not neutral, but he's love for high grade Danish pipes is transferred with such passion that's infectious.

Rick Newcombe does a great job in this well written follow up to his first book, In Search Of Pipe Dreams. Witty and fun to read, this book is inspirational for pipe smokers and a good reminder about where we came from and how far the nanny state has gone, without being an in your face political soap box. Great stories about his travels and other experiences common to us all. A highly recommended read for the pipe smoking man or woman.

After finishing the first book, (In Search of Pipe Dreams), you are left wanting a bit more. So from time to time, i visit certain chapters as you would a good book. I was glad that this came along, it is like catching up on an old friend, who shares his/her latest experience with the hobby. Today, you can instantly go to youtube videos, chat rooms, and forums about pipes. but like pipes, nothing beats sitting down, chilling, and having a book you like in your hands, and having further insights about the different aspects of Pipes.

wonderful essays on the art of pipe smoking ! And ode to the pleasure of pipe smoking !

Classic Rick Newcombe! He puts you in a great mood with his positive outlook on pipes and life. He

is a pure joy to read and his book offers a great insight into the world of pipes. I highly recommend this book to all who enjoy pipes.

The follow up to Mr. Newcombe's "Searching for Pipe Dreams". Just as well written, and just as humorous. But, you have to understand Rick. He can come off a little pompous or self absorbed but it's just not so. He's very entertaining and informative too.

Rick Newcome's new book is an outstanding treatise on pipe smoking. This book is a wonderful, continuing and updated version of his first book In Search of Pipe Dreams and confirms my decision 35 years ago to take up pipe smoking.

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