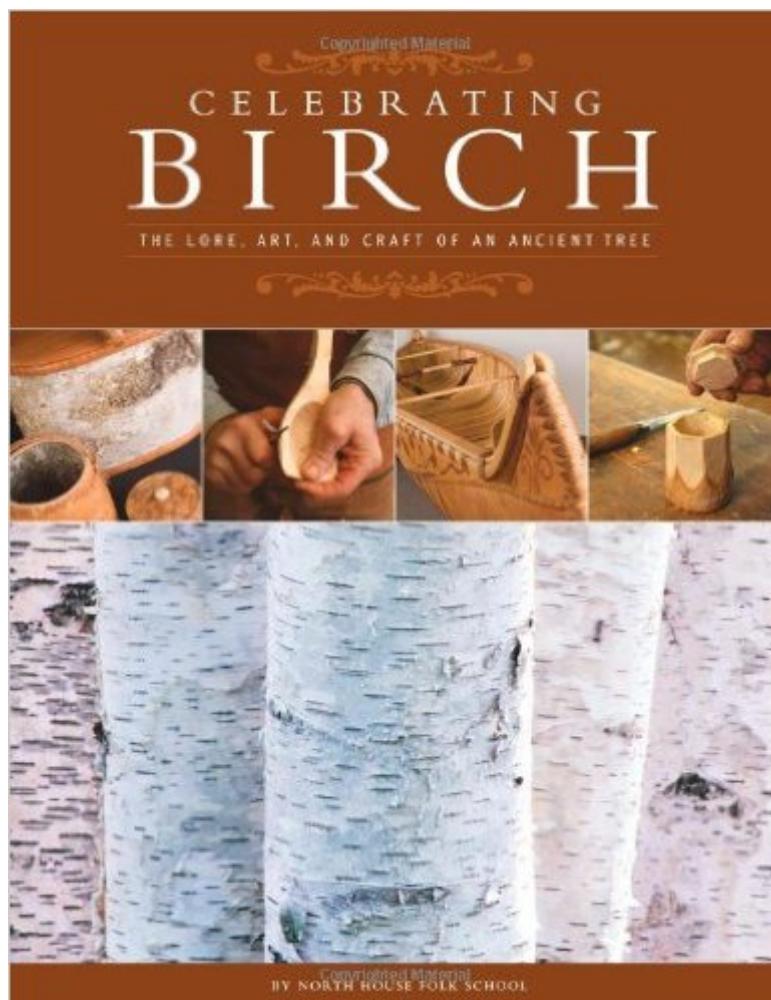


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# Celebrating Birch: The Lore, Art And Craft Of An Ancient Tree



## Synopsis

15 beautiful birch projects featuring carved ornaments, turned bowls, bark baskets and more. Includes fascinating history and lore of the birch tree. Delight your curiosity with the fascinating history and myths of this legendary tree while sharpening your woodworking skills with 15 beautiful projects.

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## Customer Reviews

Being from a Birch growing state and having used birch in various craft and projects, I absolutely loved the subject matter and information. Being knowledgeable in woodcraft and carving, I would not recommend for the person looking to pick it up and start crafting for the first time. Just not enough room or photos to make that happen. Not that it is short on photos, but some of the more intricate crafts need greater detail. If you are a crafter already, you may be able to perform more. I likened my experience with the book to watching a demonstration and getting a good explanation of what's going on. The historical information and importance of this tree, is a pleasant read. A great book by Fox and the good folks at the North House School.

Book EXCEEDED my expectations,.... delivery was today, fully a week before the earliest expected delivery date,..(Packed VERY carefully / well).. I only had about 10 minutes to flip through it,.. before I had to leave home.. but was Delighted with ALL I saw,.... Clear, well-done, step-by-step packed with pictures,... the projects were a Good mix of many types,.... I saw Plenty to inspire,.... while Birch is

not a wood, I can readily obtain here in the South Eastern US,... many of the projects should easily be do-able in other woods, not requiring the birch bark. I took a chance, and won. I'm a historical reenactor and the Scandinavian woodcrafts hold a special interest to me, as a woodcarver of many decades,...I'd hoped the book would add to my Viking-age research and hand-crafts library,.../ knowledge,...and it does. Can't wait to delve deeper into it this evening,...I'm especially interested in the lore / history of the wood.

Living in the northwoods & being a wood artist, I love Birch and have used it for many years with my pyrography. I have experimented with the bark and tried to understand how to use it best, which this book explains clearly. Unfortunately for all of us who love this tree/wood, many of our birch are dying off from drought/fires/etc. If you are a person in search of a light colored, strong, easy to work with wood, this book will tell you everything you need to know about this beautiful and completely practical tree.

For those who live in birch country, this is a book to cherish. It is artistically presented, photographically superb, and factually very accurate. I've worked with birch for years, both botanically, ecologically, and as a craftsman, but I learned a lot in this book. The joy and passion for their work these teachers at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais, MN share with us is outstanding.

A good book with lots of colored photos, but not really a how-to book on using and/or carving birch wood... They do show you some aspects of making things out of birch bark and wood but I would have liked to see more photos on the making of these things. However it is a very good book one you should consider to have for your crafters library.

This is a great book; people with a "reverence for wood" (Eric Sloane) will really enjoy this. Most of the projects are done with hand tools alone. There is a quiet contemplative spirit to the kind of woodworking demonstrated in this book. Good book for winter reading. Buy it and make a mess of shavings on your floor!

Each chapter is by a different craftsman and all of them are well written and very descriptive. I have already been to our woods to collect birch bark and get some items made.

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