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This revised edition of the woodcraft classic combines the original WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP with its follow-up, THE WOODWRIGHT'S COMPANION, to make one hefty, thorough manual that will prove invaluable to every lover of the tools, trade and practice of traditional woodcraft. It will also fascinate the curious, the lover of lore, and the modern woodworker interested in the simpler, older, and quieter techniques. Underhill's goal is to demonstrate how to start with a tree and an axe and make one thing after another until you have a house and everything in it. Starting with a guide to the various kinds of trees and the characteristics of their wood, Underhill walks us through an entire course in traditional woodcraft, without the use of any power tools. Along the way we also learn about the tools and craft of traditional blacksmithing, the location of a good whetstone quarry, the different uses of a great wheel, and many other skills related to and interdependent with woodworking. The final chapter offers a glimpse of traditional woodworking techniques still used by the Colonial Williamsburg housewrights. THE WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP was conceived as a companion to the PBS television series of the same name. Each chapter in THE WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP parallels a program in the series. It includes 600 photographs.

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