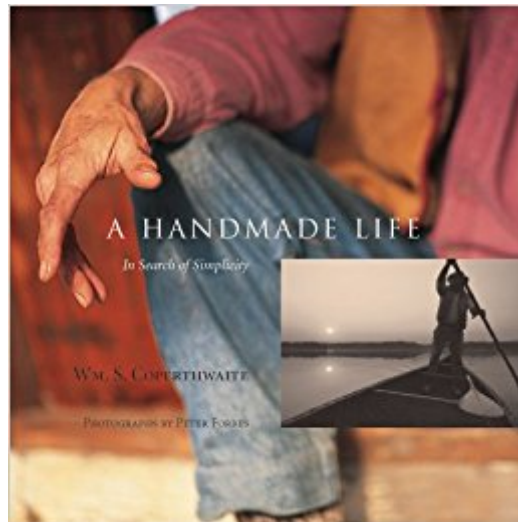




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A Handmade Life: In Search Of Simplicity



Synopsis

William Coperthwaite is a teacher, builder, designer, and writer who for many years has explored the possibilities of true simplicity on a homestead on the north coast of Maine. In the spirit of Henry David Thoreau, Emily Dickinson, and Helen and Scott Nearing, Coperthwaite has fashioned a livelihood of integrity and completeness-buying almost nothing, providing for his own needs, and serving as a guide and companion to hundreds of apprentices drawn to his unique way of being. *A Handmade Life* carries Coperthwaite's ongoing experiments with hand tools, hand-grown and gathered food, and handmade shelter, clothing, and furnishings out into the world to challenge and inspire. His writing is both philosophical and practical, exploring themes of beauty, work, education, and design while giving instruction on the hand-crafting of the necessities of life. Richly illustrated with luminous color photographs by Peter Forbes, the book is a moving and inspirational testament to a new practice of old ways of life.

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Simplicity and common sense are in short commodity. Take some time to read this book, and then take a few minutes to find just one thing you can do to make your life a bit simpler, and much more rewarding.

One of the best reads I have had. Somewhat quirky but delightful. It was not what I expected, but oh such a pleasant surprise. A mix of philosophy with emphasis on both current and timeless issues. Love it!

I had the privilege to get to know Bill on his 400 acres in ME. Brilliant man. His book is a Bible to me.

I've given away many copies. I have a copy on my Kindle. My favorite book.

It is a very nice book, but the author tends to drift around on his subjects, and I did not agree with some of his philosophy regarding schooling for youngsters. However, it is worth reading if you are into the simple life, as I am.

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I love this book and try to have a spare copy around to give to friends and people that I meet who wish to lead a more grounded, intentional, and simpler life. Lush photos and simple elegant philosophy.

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