



THE WOOD FIRE HANDBOOK

SECOND EDITION

The complete guide to
a perfect fire

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'Sound, well-seasoned advice [on] how to bring wood fires into our lives.'
– *BBC Countryfile*

A practical guide to all things wood fire, both indoors and out.

The Wood Fire Handbook shows you that the soothing effect of dancing flames and glowing embers is a simple pleasure to have in our lives. Understanding everything that underpins the perfect wood fire makes it even more enjoyable. Vincent Thurkettle's handbook is the essential companion and manual written for UK firewood types and homes.

The expert insight and knowledge in this book allow everyone to rediscover the skills of previous generations and savour the delight of a perfect wood fire in all its incarnations.

- Around 5 million people in the UK have a wood fire at home.
- Around 2.2 million have a wood-burning stove.
- 90% of people heating with wood use firewood logs.
- Domestic firewood supplies around 35% of the UK's renewable heat.
- Locally sourced, sustainably produced, efficiently burned firewood is the 'greenest' of all heating fuels.

Contents include...

- How to select the best type of firewood
- How to buy, store, split, and dry logs properly
- Why clean wood burning is essential
- How to get the best from your wood stove or open fire
- Everything from choosing wood for its scent to making a campfire

This second edition shows how modern wood-burning stoves are clean and cost effective, making wood logs an environmentally sound heating fuel. This book has been revised to meet modern concerns, while maintaining the gentle sense of wonder and peace a wood fire brings to a home.



About the Author...

Vincent Thurkettle is a woodsman. After spending his childhood roaming the Somerset countryside, he left school at 16 to work on a wooded estate in Gloucestershire. He subsequently trained as a Chartered Forester, and worked for the Forestry Commission, retiring in 2005.

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