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Handcrafted Maine: Art, Life, Harvest & Home



Synopsis

Amid the sublime beauty of Maine's primordial forests, remote lakes, rugged mountains, and craggy coastline blooms a handmade culture fed by heritage, self-sufficiency, and collaboration. *Handcrafted Maine: Art, Life, Harvest & Home* features lively profiles of more than twenty artists, artisans, and craftspeople— weavers and potters, a painter, an architect, a boatbuilder, a leatherworker, bakers, lobster-men, and more— at work in the woods, towns, and cities of Maine, celebrating the triumphs and challenges of entrepreneurship and independence. Including more than 225 inspiring color photographs and intimate narrative portraits, *Handcrafted Maine* provides a window into the inner lives of creatives and brings to life the powerful environment and spirited character that nurture the unbridled ingenuity and common-sense approach to craft and life found Down East.

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creates quirky animal cups, and a chef who keeps pigs. Greta Rybus's evocative photographs make you wish you were there." - Boston Globe

Katy Kelleher is a writer and editor living in Buxton, Maine. She writes about creators of all stripes, food sustainability, and culture for local and national media. Greta Rybus is a Portland, Maine-based photojournalist with an interest in our connection to the environment. She photographs for publications including the New York Times and Modern Farmer.

Excellent book but I wish they inserted captions for the pictures as I had to guess who was in the picture or what or where the picture was.

Beautiful book!! Great stories of a wide variety of Mainers accompanied by beautiful photos. Makes me want to move to Maine! Bought a couple of extra copies to give as gifts to my friends who love visiting Maine.

Somewhat disappointing considering the many talented and noteworthy artisans who call Maine home and we're not considered for this book. Although the few selected artisans featured in the book were a delight to see and read about, there was far too much focus on carefully choreographed studio shots and life style images, at times spilling over six to eight spreads, while there was little to no photographs of the artistic work. I love Maine and the artisans who reside and work there but this book falls short of a true tribute to handcrafted Maine

Well-written with beautiful pictures.

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