

## BOOK REVIEW

### THE NOT SO LITTLE BOOK OF TREES

HERMAN SHUGART AND PETER WHITE; ILLUSTRATED BY TUGCE OKAY. 2023. **The Little Book of Trees** (ISBN 978-0-691251-79-0, hbk). Princeton University Press, 41 William Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, U.S.A. (**Orders:** <https://press.princeton.edu/>). \$14.95 US, 160 pp., more than 140 color illustrations, glossary, index, 3.75" × 6".

*From the publisher:* Packed with surprising facts, this delightful and gorgeously designed book will beguile any nature lover. Expertly written and beautifully illustrated throughout with color photographs and original color artwork, *The Little Book of Trees* is an accessible and enjoyable mini-reference about the world's trees, with examples drawn from across the globe. It fits an astonishing amount of information in a small package, covering a wide range of topics—from tree anatomy, diversity, and architecture to habitat and conservation. It also includes curious facts and a section on trees in myths, folklore, and modern culture from around the world. The result is an irresistible guide to the amazing lives of trees.

- A beautifully designed pocket-size book with a foil-stamped cloth cover
- Features some 140 color illustrations and photos
- Makes a perfect gift

#### About the authors:

**Herman Shugart** is professor emeritus of natural history at the University of Virginia.

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**Tugce Okay** is a natural history illustrator who works primarily with watercolors. Her work has appeared in many books and magazines.

This handy little book, which will almost fit in your shirt pocket, has 12 chapters, all fascinating and interesting. The contents include: **1)** Multiple Tree Origins; **2)** Patterns of Tree Diversity; **3)** Tree Leaves; **4)** Tree Trunks; **5)** The Architecture of Trees; **6)** Tree Bark; **7)** Tree Roots; **8)** Seeds and Life History; **9)** Ecology and Forest Dynamics; **10)** Conservation; **11)** Myths and Folklore; **12)** Curious Facts. If you are a dendrochronologist, a forester, a lumberjack, a tree hugger, a tree lover, a tree climber, a camper beneath trees, an educator, an admirer Frank Lloyd Wright, you just might want to take a close look at *The Little Book of Trees*. For \$14.95 you can't go wrong for yourself or as a memorable gift.

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