

Book Review: One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry: 1904-2004

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There are books full of historical facts, figures, and information on a variety of topics. Others contain historical photographs or colorful landscape shots. Yet others tell a story, with moving characters and an engaging plot. One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry: 1904-2004 is all of those books in one. Created to commemorate Wisconsin's centennial year of forestry, this coffee table book brings the story of Wisconsin forestry alive.



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is filled with a wealth of information and engaging photographs. Readers can follow the story of Wisconsin's forests from the cutover to today through full-page black and white photographs of people, places, and tools that shaped our history. Colored photographs illustrate our modern forest landscape and accompanying descriptions help readers understand the type of forests found around the state.

Each chapter of this book is written in several short sections describing people, places, organizations, and facts important in Wisconsin forest history. The final chapters of the book give readers a clear picture of how Wisconsin's forests are sustained today and will be into the future. Eras covered in the book include the rise and fall of lumbering, the Griffith years, the post-Griffith era, the rebirth of the forest, post-World War II development, changing views on forest use, and Wisconsin's forests today. The design of the book allows readers to learn the whole story of Wisconsin's forests by reading the book cover to cover or by piecing the story together in shorter sittings.

One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry: 1904-2004 has wide appeal to a variety of audiences. It is a must have reference book, beautiful picture book, and great gift idea. After reading this book, I was amazed at how much I learned from the photos and captions alone, and yet there was even more in the text. To obtain a copy, contact the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association Inc. at (715) 346-4798.