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Nature Form & Spirit: The Life And Legacy Of George Nakashima



Synopsis

Acclaimed designer George Nakashima (1905-1990) is best known for his furniture, which is prized for its superb craftsmanship and its organic use of the natural lines and grain of the wood.

Nakashima was also an architect who designed a number of distinguished buildings during his career. Most importantly, he was a man committed to the integration of his work, his daily life and the natural world. The artist, exploring the philosophical ideas that lie beneath his work. Told by his daughter, colleague and successor, designer Mira Nakashima, this book presents the development of an artist and his profound influence on contemporary design.

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Customer Reviews

Mira Nakashima worked for many years with her father, the renowned furniture designer George Nakashima. Since her father's death in 1990, she has been the creative director of the Nakashima studio, where she continues to produce her father's designs as well as designing and developing her own work. She lives with her family at the studio compound in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

A national treasure who earned his way. The story of George Nakashima is written by his daughter Mira and we learn something about her as well. He was cutting edge and integrated the functionality with the zen of spirit. A samurai of wood? I have heard about him for many years, and he is honored in America and Japan. He wanted furniture to be functional, and able to be lived with. He was the first to embrace the whole tree, which I try to remember whenever I work with wood. As I have

mentioned in other reviews I appreciate the skill but also the philosophy and spirit. We also learn that Mira is now in her own element, and the experiences of growing up with Mr. Nakashima that educated her by experience.

Fox's "Strange Inheritance" was the inspiration for getting this book. Wow, makes me seriously take up wood working. What great great man George was and his work will live long in our found memories of beautiful functional furniture. Thank you.

A seamless continuation of the Nakashima legacy as told by Mira.

My husband is thrilled with this book, lots of pictures and if you are a woodworker lots of tips

My nephew loved this gift as he works in wood. Such beautiful, elegant designs.

What a stunning book - saw it at the Noguchi Museum in New York and ordered it. Very inspirational!

Excellent!! Although I may never be able to afford his incredible split log tables; having this book is the next best thing!!

This is a superb book on George Nakashima, written by his daughter. It is a good complement to "Sould of a tree" written by Nakashima himself. While "Sould of a tree" looked at the furniture, "Nature form & Spirit" starts with the life of Nakashima and how he came to design all his furniture and the houses. It is not a technical book, but it gives an interesting insight on the philosophy and thinking process behind the designs. Much more than a coffe table book, an inspiration for all woodworking lovers

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