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## Tipi Living

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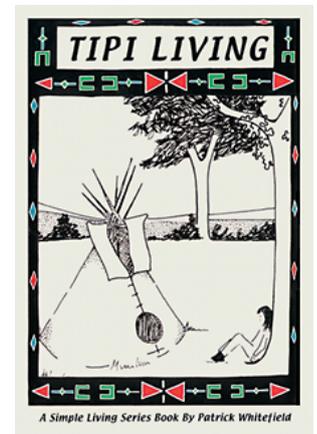
By Patrick Whitefield

Permaculture teacher, Patrick Whitefield lived in a self-built tipi in Somerset for eight years. This is his guide to all aspects of tipi living: the story of how he came to live this way; how to choose and pitch a tipi; living with Sun and Storm; maintenance; moving; firemaking; furnishing; food and cooking in a tipi.

Full of first hand experience and practical information, *Tipi Living* is also Patrick's personal account of a time of simplicity and spiritual connection with the Earth. A delightful book for everyone interested in tipis, low impact dwelling and those who want to celebrate the simple life.

The appeal of a tipi is as much spiritual as practical. The circle is an organic, healing shape, especially for anyone who has spent a lifetime living in rectangles. Tipis are strong, roomy, weatherproof, tough, portable, and, perhaps most significantly, have a self-contained, open hearth. As a result, the tipi dweller's daily rhythms are much more in tune with those of the natural world. They become an integral part of the web of life.

This concise book combines practical information with lifestyle issues. There is no set of rules about how a tipi should be used, but if there were, Patrick Whitefield would be as qualified to write them as anyone.



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## What people are saying about TIPI LIVING

If you are interested in buying a tipi and need some advice, or if you already have one but are having some troubles then *Tipi Living* may well be what you need. This easy to read book is a user's guide to living in a tipi. It will not tell you how to build one, but it is filled with practical know-how on everything from what size to buy and how to keep out the drips, to what local woods burn best and what local materials can be used as flooring. Also included is a small reference section of suppliers and further reading on different aspects of living in a tipi. *Tipi Living* is not just a practical guide however, it is an insight to the joys of living as part of nature, in balance with and not in dominance over Gaia.

*Laine Phillips, Centre For Alternative Technology*

Nice little book on choosing and living in a tipi.

*Recommended books list on tipis.org*

This little book makes an elegant statement about how over complicated our lives have become. What passes for "simple living" in other books looks like life in the fast lane compared to the lifestyle espoused in this book!

*Review on The Coop Bookshop*

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Patrick Whitefield is a British permaculture teacher, designer, and author of *Permaculture in a Nutshell* (1993), *How to Make a Forest Garden* (2002), *The Earth Care Manual* (2004), and *The Living Landscape, How to Read it and Understand it* (2009) and *Tipi Living* (2011). He has been an influential British exponent of the permaculture movement since 1990, and has appeared in several television programmes, including the BBC's *It's Not Easy Being Green* (2006) and *A Farm for the Future* (2008).



Patrick grew up on a smallholding in Somerset and qualified in agriculture at Shuttleworth College in Bedfordshire. He has experience of farming in Britain, the Middle East and Africa, and has been involved in organic gardening, nature conservation, country crafts and green politics. He offers various permaculture courses at Ragmans Lane Farm, Gloucestershire.