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The Log Book Getting the Best From Your Woodburning Stove

by Will Rolls

Using a wood-burning stove effectively is both an art and a science. In this friendly, comprehensive guide, chartered forester and woodfuel expert Will Rolls talks the reader through the theory and practice of getting the best results from their stove. From finding the fuel and seasoning it to lighting the stove and operating it cleanly this book describes the best techniques for looking after your log stove.

The Log Book covers log suppliers, avoiding too much smoke and ash, checking fuel quality and picking the best wood for your fire. This second edition includes:

- flu temperature gauges
- tips on cleaning the glass
- how atmospheric conditions can affect draft, especially when lighting
- why a cold stove is harder to light
- heat fans
- why some stoves require the door ajar when first lighting
- stacking logs next to stoves
- advice for single vent burners

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Will Rolls first started in the biomass industry working for the Forestry Commission as a Regional Woodfuel Coordinator in the East Midlands. He moved to Forest Research in 2009 and currently works for the Biomass Energy Centre, a specialist technical advisory unit providing impartial advice on woodfuel and biomass production and use. *The Log Book* is a personal project, in response to many enquiries from the public, showing a poor level of understanding of how to use wood-burning stoves.



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What people are saying about *The Log Book*

Thinking of reducing your exorbitant heating oil or gas bill by shifting to renewable energy? A simple way is to buy a wood stove and start using logs from local woodlands. *The Log Book* is one of those really useful, practical books that anyone with a wood stove should buy. Going right back to basics it explains what happens when you burn wood and how to get the most out of it without polluting the atmosphere or wasting money. Rolls is a forester by training so he knows his wood from the trees. He walks the reader through the process of buying logs - important tips here on how to avoid ending up with damp wood, and how to operate the stove efficiently using the stove air intakes sensibly. I know a lot about wood myself but came across some gems, such as being able to use softwood in the stove as long as you burn it dry and hot. I'd always stayed away from pine because of the resins in the wood. He cautions against the old habit of trying to keep the stove going all night by 'banking' it down. This just pollutes the neighbourhood all night and also doesn't help the longevity of your stove. Full of good facts and figures on how to work out the costs of heat and how much wood you need in a season this is a 'must buy'. *Stewart T. Boyle, Amazon.co.uk*

I found the book easy to read and it has taught me more than the instructions that arrived with the stove, enabling me to use it more efficiently. *A customer, Amazon.co.uk*

This book initially looks a bit dry as there are no stove pictures inside but it contains pretty much all the information one could possibly need to use a stove successfully. *Hilary Burt, Amazon.co.uk*

Best of all if you like people to think you know what you're talking about when it comes to fire, wood, nature, survival (and all that sort of thing) then this book well equips you. Also a good investment practically I should add as you will learn how to burn fires most efficiently for the rest of your life. *JWA, Amazon.co.uk*

Informative and interesting reading. Husband doesn't read many books, but read this at breakfast every morning until he finished it in record time! *Silversurfer, Amazon.co.uk*