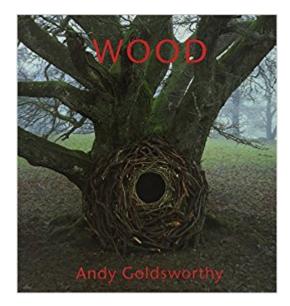
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Synopsis

Goldsworthy perceives wood as a symbol of growth, change, and transformation. This vision culminates in a triumphant series of works, reproduced in this book, made in all four seasons on, under, and around a magnificent oak tree near the artist's home in Scotland.

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Customer Reviews

Goldsworthy's art isn't what he makes. It's what he does to things that are already there to make them fresh and beautiful to the jaded eye of an average human. Simple things work best in his art, evoke more raw emotion and longing: he lines tree branches with dandelions and red maple leaves; he hangs large snowballs in trees; ribbons of leaves trail off into the water and spiral icicles circle tree trunks. It's all so simple and captivating, it's really quite astounding. Goldsworthy's art is fleeting. The only reminders of his non-permanent works are photographs. In Wood, Goldsworthy goes beyond the confines of this material and shows us his mastery with the entire spectrum of natural media - snow, ice, rock, leaf, etc. The book is subdivided into sections dealing with each specific medium, the last being Tree - each work is centered around a low-lying branch of a large oak. Nevertheless, I must say that this collection of Goldsworthy's art is slightly inferior to his Collaborations with Nature, which is a better first choice if you are unfamiliar with his principles.

Andy Goldsworthy creates forms that echo the patterns of natureso completely the viewer is almost convinced that mothernature herself made them, rather than human hands. Goldsworthy's

sculptures are more than works of art. They become integral yet fleeting parts of the lanscape that surrounds them. His shapes are fluid and delicate, and his ideas are deceptively simple, yet appear to defy both time and gravity. His experiments in Wood are gentle and thought-provoking, and prove that beauty exists all around us. Looking at his book makes me appreciate the trees, rocks, and water all around us. Andy Goldsworthy honors the earth with his quiet, sculptural meditations.

It's a big and invigorating book. If you like earth art this book (and there are others) offers some of the best of Goldsworthy. The concepts and execution are as inventive as they are cerebral. While I've never seen his work in person the photos and narrative of this book really feel like they capture the detail. In other ways the book itself is as well presented and printed as any book of art I've seen. If you can't afford it (it was expensive for me) try and get your local library to invest. It would be a great contribution to your local enclave.

perfect condition, timely, and very affordable, beautiful book with lots of information and wonderful pictures. only suggestion is for it to be wrapped in waterproof packaging next time as it was delivered on a rainy day.

Goldsworthy's art/work forces the fact that wood as a medium enjoys seemingly inexhaustible possibilities, raw or not. This is a fine coffee table book by itself, and your friends are impressed; if you like to fiddle with wood (and hate 2x4's), then this book you gotta check out.

This book just makes you want to go out into nature and create a masterpiece. As a gardener and sculptor I find the photos of his work inspiring and will definitely be attempting to create my own version of environmental art.

This is a beautiful book. It was a gift, and we enjoyed it together. As a gift, it was very much appreciated. Goldsworthy is unique among earth artists.

All the books featuring the works of Goldsworthy are stunning. His work is unexpected and a joy to anyone who loves nature.

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