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Trees that Shape the World

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Trees are our link between earth and sky; they symbolize strength, protection and longevity; they are vital in maintaining the balance of climate and fragile ecosystems of our planet. Trees provide us with building materials, fuel, food, medicine, shade and protection from the elements. And yet recently we have begun to take them for granted, to undervalue them and, in many cases, to destroy them. This book demonstrates the extraordinary impact trees have had and must continue to have on the earth's landscape and the culture of its people. Each of the six chapters represents a different climate zone and investigates the trees that inhabit it: how they interact within the natural landscape; where they stand in relationship with man; how they should feature in the future – industrially, culturally and sociologically. In a stunning mixture of fascinating yet authoritative text and superb photographs, each chapter also includes features on iconic trees of vital importance to the landscape or to man.

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