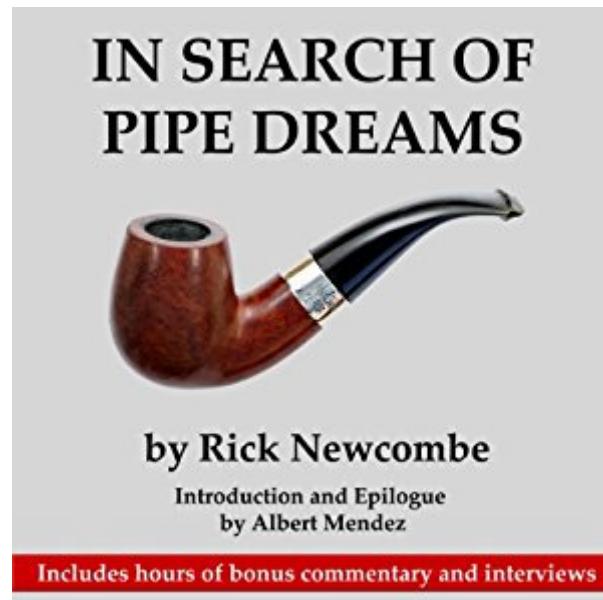


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# In Search Of Pipe Dreams



## **Synopsis**

Stories of pipe smoking's greatest craftspeople intertwine with advice and commentary in these essays on the art of pipe smoking. While exploring pipe craftsmanship worldwide, this audiobook combines tales of the author's visits to Europe's most prestigious pipe makers with a look at pipe smoking's history and the hobby's most famous practitioners, including Albert Einstein, Norman Rockwell, and Mark Twain. Interviews with Old World craftspeople provide insight into the delicate and personal craft of pipe making, and a treatise on pipe smoking's relaxing benefits intermingles with advice on how to smoke, buy, break in, clean, and use a pipe to cope with the frantic pace of the 21st century.

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## **Customer Reviews**

If you smoke a pipe you should read this book. It was a book that I picked up on a whim and will not part with. It is less of a book, rather more of an anthology of Rick Newcombe's articles over the years. Yet it reads like a book or at least it did for me. It covers every angle of the Pipe life. He does spend a lot of time talking about some rather high end pieces. At the same time he has a way making you feel like you are with him as he travels the world and meets many different pipe makers. It is a journey through the pipe collecting world. I have been smoking a pipe for over thirty years myself and I still picked up a few tidbits here and there reading this marvelous book.

Fantastic book, deals with pipes of all types including a chapter on my much beloved Petersons but mainly focussed on top end Scandinavian pipes. A great read and some wonderful anecdotes.

Rick Newcombe is one of the pipe-smoking hobby's great Apostles, always eager to share his broad wealth of knowledge and opinion, and just as ready to listen. This new audio edition, even more than the earlier audio edition of Still Searching for Pipe Dreams, brings home Newcombe's gifts as apologist and enthusiast for our small but growing tribe. The original book, historically valuable in its own right in helping shape the current direction of the hobby, is brought up to date and expanded by more than half of its original length with the addition of bonus material prefacing each chapter, in addition to a few chapters exclusive to the audio. His words, when attended to, go far beyond his own predilection for Danish and other high-grade artisan pipes, moving to the heart of pipe-smoking: the smoking qualities of the pipes themselves and how they repay those who smoke them with countless hours of relaxation and enjoyment. The addition of new interviews by legendary pipe-makers Lars Ivarsson and Jess Chonowitsch makes even more clear that what's important is how a pipe smokes, not who smokes it or how much it costs. Newcombe might as easily have championed factory pipes or Italian pipes, but his own biography and interests led him long ago to the Danish. The mistake many people make is to assume Newcombe believes these marques should be the standard, when in fact he is preaching just the opposite: every pipeman his pipe. In this regard, he's as much a contemplative as an activist, insisting always for tolerance, understanding and self-awareness as the best avenues to enjoy and appreciate the many benefits of pipe-smoking. Highly recommended.

Didn't much care for the book, peoples opinions vary widely, especially in a hobby like pipe smoking and pipe collecting, just my opinion, wouldn't read it again.

Another fine book of the pipe smoking pleasures.

Entertaining, and informative. A true pipe lover; gets his opinion across without being preachy. I especially enjoyed his visits with master pipe makers.

I loved this book from the standpoint that I learned a LOT about the best carvers in the world. You have to put up with Rick's narrative in the process, who comes across as a little full of himself, but its a wonderful reference tool if you love the pipe hobby.

Half the book is a paid advertisement for the very high price "Freehand Pipe Makers" of the

world. The other half is boosting Mr. Newcombes ego (How many pipes he has, how many thousands of dollars he pays per, his devine system of opening air holes and how only he knows how to clean a pipe). Laughable! and Pathetic! Mr Newcombe can run as many pipe cleaners through any of my pipes and all will come out clean. And basically, the most air coming out the bit will be determined by the smallest hole in the air system, whereever it is! So having three different sized air holes is non productive.

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