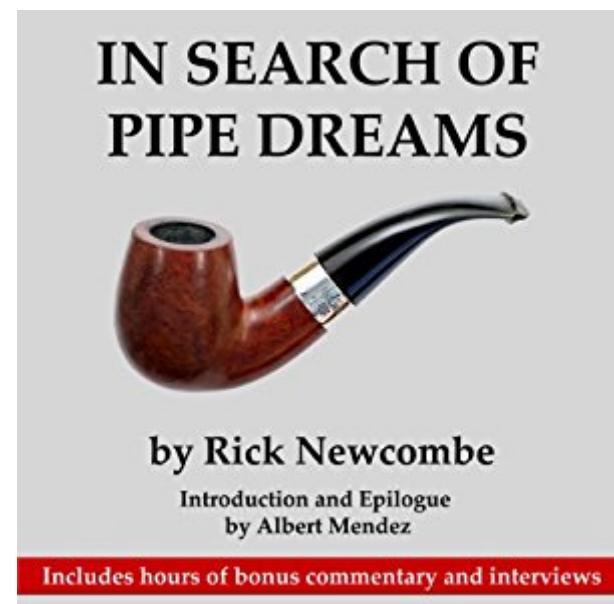


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# In Search Of Pipe Dreams



## 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

I have been collecting pipes now for over 20 years, and I have only re-read three books in my life, including this one (the other two were the Little Prince and the Iliad). I was a broke student when I bought my first pipe - I traded my weekend food money for a new Savinelli deluxe billiard and a pouch full of the old Black and White (\$45 total back in 1991). I enjoyed that pipe for years and still own it, as the memories and magic attached to it make it very special and unique to me. Rick's stories are not about "expensive" pipes, and I am truly disappointed to see anyone in these reviews carping about pipe collecting being a 'rich man's game.' IMHO, Rick's book is about the discovery of the "5% magic" imbued into a pipe by the craftsmen, as well as the wonderful energy and memories we build around each pipe as we give each one a life and a history as we use and enjoy it. The relationships with the artisans build the magic - the camaraderie becomes part of the pipe and part

of the positive energy. Rick has done an extraordinary job of capturing these moments and relationships which we, as 'brethren of the briar,' should equally seek to acquire since they make the whole pipe journey more fun and enriching. Will I ever own a Lars, Bo, or Sixten pipe? Probably not (I never like to say never!). But I have acquired a wonderful collection of pipes made by some great pipe makers from all over the world, many of whom have also become good friends (and several of whom are in our own back yard in the US!). Jazz didn't die when Charlie Parker/Charles Mingus/Miles Davis left us, it grew and changed. The Danish pipe makers - after decades of practice(!) - set the standard in many ways for top pipe making.

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