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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. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great treatise on collecting and smoking pipes in the top range By Young Wiggins 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. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Essential Reading for Every Pipeman By Mark Irwin 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 Ivansson 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.

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, these writings combine 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. Includes a 16 page color photo insert

About the Author Rick Newcombe has been inducted into the Pipe Smoker's Hall of Fame and is the recipient of both the Doctor of Pipes Award from the Chicagoland Pipe Club and the award for Outstanding Pipe Collection from the Southwest Pipe and Cigar League. He has written for *The Pipe Collector*, *Pipe Friendly*, *The Pipe Smoker's Ephemera*, and *Pipes and Tobaccos*, and he is the president of Creators Syndicate, a newspaper and Internet syndication company. He lives in Los Angeles. Albert Mendez has written extensively for many pipe-smoking publications, including *The Pipe Smoker's Ephemera* and *The Pipe Collector*. He lives in New York City.