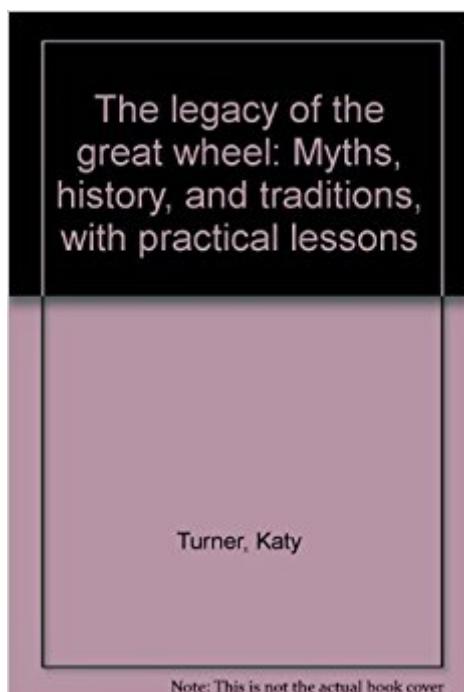


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Of the approximately 125 pages in THE LEGACY OF THE GREAT WHEEL, about 30 are dedicated to the great wheel. The rest of the book focuses on a brief history of spinning wheels, fleece selection and washing, fiber prep (in this case, carding), and general spinning info (finishing your yarn, etc.). At the time that this book was published, this general info was probably very much needed for new spinners because there wasn't much available. Now, spinners have a huge selection of books that cover the basics. If you are a novice and interested in learning to spin, go find a copy of Maggie Casey's START SPINNING instead. The parts of THE LEGACY OF THE GREAT WHEEL that focus on the great wheel are definitely valuable for more experienced spinners who want to learn great wheel techniques, but in my opinion, there is nothing worth some of the prices I'm seeing listed for the book. Yes, it's out of print, but these prices are outrageous (\$55--?!). Spinners interested in the great wheel would be better off getting a modern video by Stephenie Gaustad or Elaine Benfatto on cotton spinning on the charka wheel. Once you can use a spindle wheel, you'll be able to use a great wheel with some practice. The left-handed long draw is what you need to master. But if you can find this book at a reasonable price, it's worth having.

It's a shame that this book is out of publication. There is a wonderful revival in the world of spinning,

and barring the drop spindle, great wheels are the oldest form of that craft. I wanted to own this book, despite the high price, to add to my spinning library, and so I bought it, but I would like to see someone rekindle the copyright for other spinning enthusiasts today. Ravelers would love it!

I was hoping for a book about the history and How-to of using a Great Wheel. The book spends a lot of pages speculating about how the Chinese spun silk, and when India started using wheels... It eventually discussed the use of the Great Wheel (only about 5 pages), and then went into the types of wool. Not a good book if you want specifics on a Great Wheel. It is a decent book on spinning and wool in general.

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