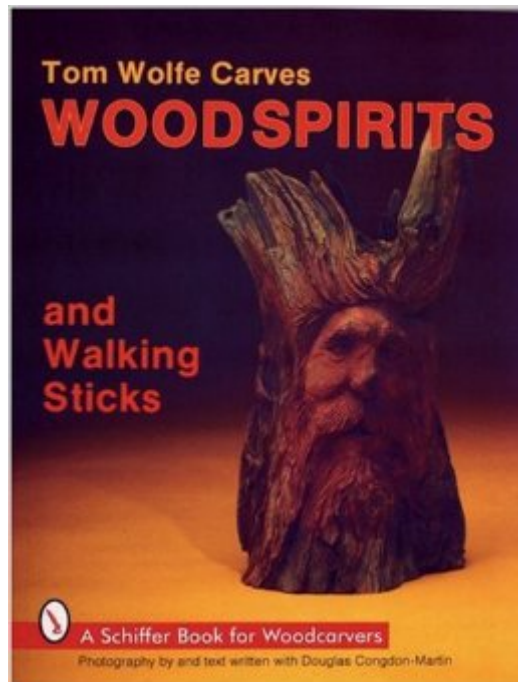


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# Tom Wolfe Carves Wood Spirits And Walking Sticks (Schiffer Book For Woodcarvers)



## Synopsis

Tom has been carving these Spirits for years, and they are constantly in demand. Now he leads the carver, step-by-step, through their creation, each step illustrated in beautiful color photographs. An extensive gallery is included, jam-packed with examples and ideas for the readers own work.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Two years ago I purchased this book and a set of six tools. My goal was to create a hobby that was rewarding and relaxing. I can truthfully say that I have never been more satisfied with any purchase. I have found a world of enjoyment from the simple act of cutting wood. In three days, I will exhibit in my first show, The Tupelo Gum Tree Festival, Tupelo, MS. I have never been more relaxed and proud of anything I have done before. Thank you Tom Wolfe! Dennis Renfro

I used this book as a basis for all my carvings, This book actually started me in the buisness of woodcarving and I created my first Walking stick from the instructions therein.

The book is good for very young carvers. The pictures are great and the author does show everything. As a matter for discussion the author provides too much detail and if you need lots of detail then this book is what young starters can use effectively.

I liked this book quite a lot. As a beginner it showed me both hand carving and mallet

techniques...which I was not expecting. Also a wide variety of knives and gouges are shown, so you get an understanding of when to use which type.

I feel this book was misrepresented. I hoped for a step by step beginner's guide to carving wood spirits and walking sticks. Several of the reviews indicated that this was the perfect book for this purpose. But not in my universe. This book is really just a series of pictures, not taken by the author, and the picture captions are not written by the author. This is all there is, no text that guides the reader through the steps. I expected an instructional manual with illustrations. This is not that book. There is no information on which tools to use, how to choose the best wood, or how to preserve the end product. All of these were hinted at in the introduction, but not delivered in the actual book. The photographs of the instructional steps, such as they are, are over exposed and not clearly visible. For a beginner they are not helpful. They are supposed to represent a step by step guide. But if you look closely you will discover that the pictures are not sequential. They are obviously taken of different works at different times. I'm very disappointed in this book. I discovered on receiving it that the author has written a series of books on the topic and feel I've fallen for a bait-and-switch con. Maybe the previous books would address my interests and concerns, but based on this one I'm not willing to risk all the money for the purchase of 8 or 10 previous books to find out. Rather than an instructional book this feels more like a gallery display of the author's work. In fact the final chapter is exactly that! If you are not an accomplished carver don't waste your money. There are better books out there that will help you begin. Sorry, I don't write negative reviews, but I'm THAT disappointed.

Loved the beauty in this full color, highly instructive book. I bought 4 books to get me into carving the wood spirits of my German ancestors, and this was the most instructive by far. I feel I can really make a carving on my own now.

Tom Wolfe is an old school master with gift of putting out great and informative books, this is one of them.

Loved this Book I have been reading many Books on this subject, I am just New into Wood Carving and wanted some Photo's and details on how to do my Own. A great Book to have in your Library, with step by step Photo's, it gives you slow and easy details, so We can get it right, and if you want more on this try Utube, it will lead you, to more Books and Dvd's on wood carving, Tools you need

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