

A declaration of love to nature, wood and a self-determined life



Franz Josef Keilhofer **With Wood, Heart and Hand**

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Real life – a man and his craft

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Franz Josef Keilhofer is an outdoorsman from the Berchtesgadener Land in Bavaria and as a woodturner works with what he sees as the most wonderful material in the world. He has made a name for himself not only with his unique artisan work but also as the 2015 ambassador for the Bavarian tourism association. In addition, Keilhofer holds seminars on woodturning and contributes to magazines.

Franz Josef Keilhofer is quite a unique character: he lives and works in harmony with nature, is a lad from the Berchtesgadener Land and lives in the family farmhouse dating back to 1710. And he is a wood craftsman – that more than anything else. Here he tells of his special relationship with that material called wood and what nature teaches us.

Franz Josef Keilhofer takes us with him when he goes into the misty undergrowth and reveals why he stores felled oaks in the earth. He tells us that on the work bench the yew gives off a smell of dark chocolate and he explains why each individual piece of wood always has to be treated in its own special way. This craftsman's world seems to exist only of trees and wood and yet it teaches the whole of life. *With Wood, Heart and Hand* is a book about finding the right tree and seeing the right life – a book about the craft of life.

For readers of Lars Mytting and Peter Wohlleben.