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Description:

Review "Every once in a while there is a book that lives up to it's hype. Only once in a blue moon are we lucky enough to get a book that surpasses all the stories that have led up to it. *The Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook* is a blue moon book. The spinning world has been buzzing about this book for years, and Deb Robson has been kind enough to share writing the process on her blog, but that still didn't prepare me for the completeness of the book.

The sheer complexity of the subject made clear, useful and not just interesting, but fascinating. More than 200 animal fibers and breeds laid out and dissected by an animal expert and a spinning expert jump off of the page in concise prose that speaks to the history of the breed; fleece, fiber and

lock characteristics; using the fiber in dyeing, spinning, knitting and weaving. The photography is crisp enough to count crimps and shows fiber as washed and unwashed; prepped and spun, and sometimes knit or woven. The authors manage to do all of this using 2-4 pages per breed.

Spinners (and knitters) this is the book you've been asking for: more photos and breeds than *In Sheep's Clothing* and more sheepy and animal goodness than *The Knitter's Book of Wool*. A labor of sheepy love and a stellar book." (*Knitty.com*)

This is an excellent resource for fiber artists curious about different types of animal fibers and how best to use them. (*Library Journal*)

Two experts, one a farmer and livestock guru, the other a fiber magazine editor, join brains to produce this resource for yarn crafters. Far from drab and dreary, Robson and Ekarius enliven the pictures and descriptions of about 200 breeds of sheep, inserting critical information and fun facts. Well written and researched, a reference for all ages.

Starred review (*Booklist*)

Not only is this a library essential for yarn users who take their wool, alpaca, llama, cashmere and yak seriously; it's also an important text for those involved in the husbandry of our four-legged fiber friends. If we want to preserve our "heirloom" fibers, we need to know their names. (*Vogue Knitting*)

A reference you'll return to again and again as you grow as a fiber artist. (*Craftzine*)

A comprehensive manual for the wool aficionado. Packed with photos and detailed fiber properties, it covers every breed of sheep you are likely to encounter and then some. (*Interweave Knits*)

About the Author

Carol Ekarius is the co-author of *The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook* and the author of several books, including *Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep* (with Paula Simmons), *Small-Scale Livestock Farming*, *Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds*, and *Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle, and Pigs*. She lives in the mountains of Colorado where her four-legged and winged family keeps her busy.

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