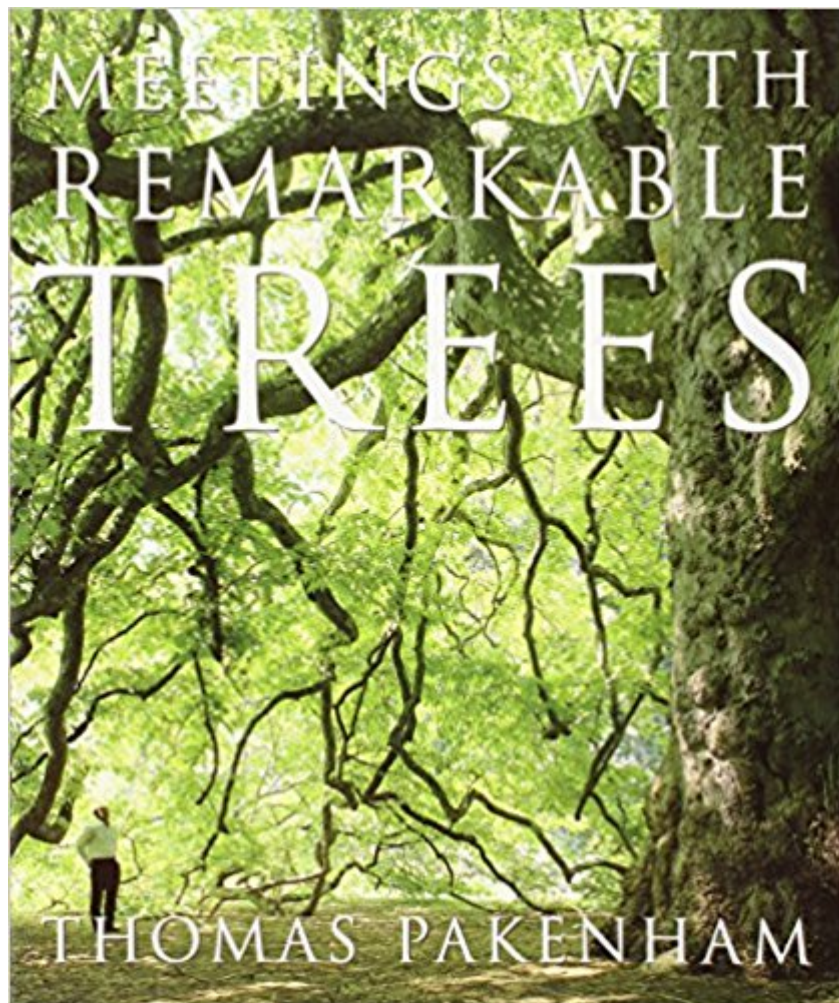




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# **Meetings With Remarkable Trees**



## Synopsis

Thomas Pakenham's bestselling book of tree portraits. With this astonishing collection of tree portraits, Thomas Pakenham produced a new kind of tree book. The arrangement owed little to conventional botany. The sixty trees were grouped according to their own strong personalities: Natives, Travellers, Shrines, Fantasies and Survivors. From the ancient native trees, many of which are huge and immeasurably old, to the exotic newcomers from Europe, the East and North America, **MEETINGS WITH REMARKABLE TREES** captures the history and beauty of these entrancing living structures. Common to all these trees is their power to inspire awe and wonder. This is a lovingly researched book, beautifully illustrated with colour photographs, engravings and maps - a moving testimonial to the Earth's largest and oldest living structures.

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## Customer Reviews

Thomas Pakenham, a distinguished historian of Africa, takes a new tack by writing an old-fashioned kind of book: a catalog of trees of the British Isles. The last such book was published in 1826. In *Meetings with Remarkable Trees* Pakenham assembles a beautifully photographed gallery of 60-odd trees of Scotland, England, and Ireland, and magnificent trees they are. One is a 600-year-old king oak that looms large over Charleville, Ireland; another is the yew tree that Wordsworth called the "pride of Lorton's vale

'For sheer impact nothing has equalled Thomas Pakenham's photographs, fierce and ethereal'

Simon Jenkins, Book of the Year, Sunday Times 'a marvellous collection of photographs... an eminently readable, intelligent book.' Independent 'a book of translucent beauty...' Sunday Times 'entrancing... utterly beguiling...' Mail on Sunday --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

While I didn't realize the trees shown in this beautiful book were all European it was fun to read about the American imports - progeny of our great trees growing happily and differently, I might add.

If you are a fan of trees or simply like to look at pictures of wonderful old specimens and imagine fairies, gnomes, soldiers from another era, Robin Hood or whatever fantasy you like, this book is a great choice. I was expecting it to be a bit of a coffee-table picture book but instead, as other reviewers have also noted, it contains quite a bit of text about the history of each tree covered as well as its location. I love big old trees and would have been happy with a picture book, but this goes well beyond the standard pretty-pictures-of-trees book I was expecting, without getting too text-heavy. Five stars.

This is not a factual book, but information is not the priority - being in awe of nature is the main focus, and Trees does a brilliant job. Perfectly sized, big glossy photos. Excellently written by Pakenham, really feels like you're visiting the trees yourself when he writes, and he is very clearly passionate about this topic. If you like nature and you're looking for a calming, beautiful afternoon read, definitely get this book.

Love this book!!!! It is as remarkable as the trees. I gifted it to my daughter as she is a verifiable tree hugger. I couldn't have gotten her a more appropriate gift. Getting one for myself next as when I looked through the book I knew that the experience of seeing these trees is one that I can only have vicariously, but one I will treasure for always. What majesty!

The author visits the trees that are important part of world. He gives respect to trees like no author before him. You will get to visit these remarkable long life trees with him in the pages of this book.

This is a really beautiful book and the perfect gift for anyone who you think has everything, and also the kind of book you can give to people with a broad range of interests. Trees are such a basic, amazing thing on this planet, especially the large, old trees featured in this book. One thing I was

disappointed in though, is that this edition was much smaller than the original edition. Such grand trees need to be seen in larger format, and the photography is impressive and deserves the original edition's larger size book.

I wish that the trees weren't just in UK, I thought they were worldwide when I ordered the book. the stories are interesting.

I'm so satisfied with the condition of the book !! Very enjoy to read some pages before sleep , the trees are amazing !

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