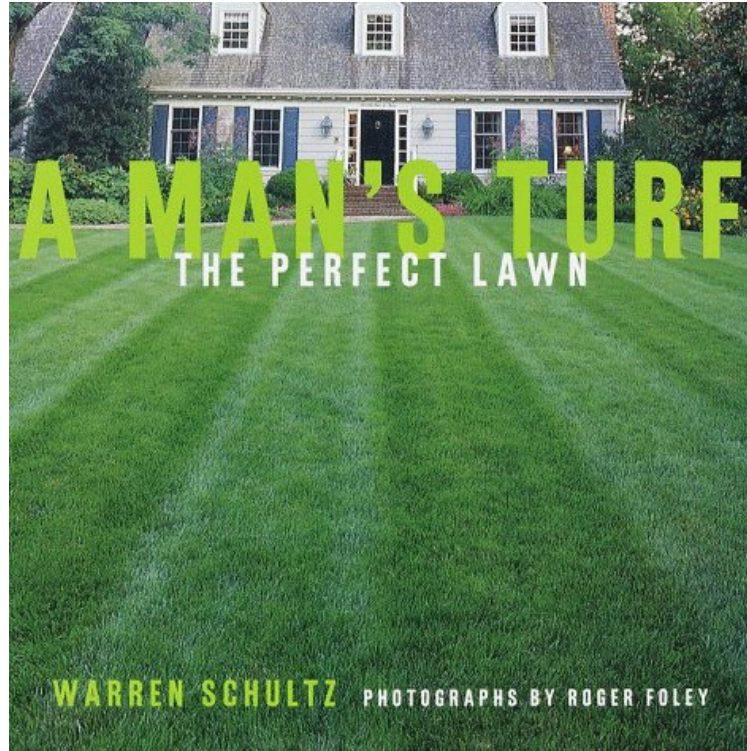


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Warren Schultz : A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A very entertaining window into one man's mind. By Customer This book has great humorous potential. The author enthusiastically exclaims the lawn as a metaphor for just about everything, and exalts lawn care as a benchmark for one's masculinity. Amongst some actually well-researched and interesting information on the history of the lawn and everything related to lawn care, Schultz intersperses his own personal philosophy, leading to some great one-liners: "The lawns that we walk are manifestations of the lawns within us. Everything we need to know about life we can learn from mowing the lawn." "Lawn care is not like the wimpy pastime of flower gardening or the fussy hobby of vegetable gardening." The book even begins with this melodramatic proclamation: "The lawn works in mysterious ways. It calls to men with a thick and seductive voice." Schultz also has a somewhat disturbing misogynistic streak: "With women smoking cigars and wearing suits and getting tattoos and running board meetings, it was only a matter of time before they cracked the grass ceiling and discovered the secret joys of lawn mowing"; of this development he begrudgingly concludes, " I guess we have to live with it. As long as we don't have to wash the dishes while they're mowing." This book is hidden, unintentional comedy gold. Don't miss the Seven Spiritual Lawns of Success section. Highly recommended for all men who like a good laugh (Oh, all right, women too I suppose). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By connie meier Great book. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable history of the lawn, not a how-to-do book By A Customer Overall

I liked the book, especially its coverage of the history of lawns. I guess we all assume lawns have always been there, which is decidedly not the case. On the other hand, as a how-to book it needs some work. The author gives numerous recommendations on lawn care but never mentions something as important as adding lime to bring up the pH when necessary. Good coffee table book, but I'll look for another how-to lawn care book.

Look across the country on any summer Saturday and what do you see? From coast to coast you see millions of men mowing. There also may be some women tending to the turf these days, but the obsession with the lawn is truly a male phenomenon. How green is it? How thick is it? How well-mown and weed-free is it? These are the questions that try men's souls. In *A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn*, author Warren Schultz delves into history, psychology, and botany to explain the irresistible appeal of the riding mower and freshly cut grass. But as a leading expert on lawn and garden care, he also offers a wealth of practical, hands-on information for growing, mowing, weeding, and watering a better lawn. Schultz explores how the lawn grew up in America and visits some of the great historical lawns. He examines the machines involved--reel and rotary lawn mowers, weed whackers and water sprinklers--that shape the lawn, and gets down on his knees to look at some amazing grass, highlighting the pros and cons of the many new varieties. Schultz interviews the great turf gurus of golf courses and ballparks and reveals their insiders' tips on lawn care. *A Man's Turf* also provides a unique guide to lawn-related products, events, and pilgrimages--from a bicycle-powered mower to the finish line of the lawn mower races to a mower museum. In *A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn*, garden expert Warren Schultz examines the pleasures and pitfalls that await the lawn-obsessed everywhere. He explains how to grow, mow, weed, and water a thicker, greener, healthier lawn, offering insight and a wealth of practical information, along with more than 200 full-color photographs.

.com What relationship is as intense, as profound as a boy and his dog? A man and his lawn, of course. Like a fine car and a big house, a luxurious and weed-free lawn announces to the world that we have arrived. In *A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn*, sodmeister Warren Schultz explores the world of lawns in all of its multifaceted complexity, from the history of lawn tools to the spiritually renewing effects of a beautiful lawn on the human psyche. "Being a man means growing up with a lawn. That's where we learn to ride a bike, on that cushion of green, or learn how to throw a curveball. It's the setting for barbeques and family reunions. It's where we're allowed to spend hours building daydreams behind a mower." Schultz, one of the nation's leading experts on lawn care and the author of *The Chemical-Free Lawn and Garden Details*, appeals to both sides of the brain in this work, offering not only psychological and spiritual musings on the joys of the lawn, but also a plethora of nuts-and-bolts advice on lawn care, such as selecting the right type of lawn for your area, fertilizing, controlling weeds and pests, and choosing the right tools to keep your turf healthy. He tells us, for instance, that grass is classified not only by region, but also according to its tolerance to conditions such as drought, cold, heat, wear, and shade. Useful as this information is, the true charm of this book comes from the author's love of lawns and lawn equipment. Even if you are one of those people who removed your lawn in favor of a garden or xeriscaping, this book is certain to conjure up memories of backyard barbecues, family croquet games, and that ineffably wonderful smell of freshly cut grass. --Perry Atterberry You may never have pondered Life's Big Questions while mowing the grass, but you will after Warren Schultz opens your eyes to the great American lawn. With wit and horticultural know-how, he reveals the historical roots of our national character, separates ecological common sense from politically correct dogma, and illuminates the emotional bonds that tie us to the land. He also shows exactly how to grow a lawn that any man (or woman) would be proud to mow.-- Douglas Brenner, editor, *Garden Design* magazine Not since Walt Whitman has grass been the beneficiary of such wit and wisdom. Call it 'The Soul of the New Lawn,' this heartwarming guide to love in green pastures.-- Roger B. Swain, host of PBS's *The Victory Garden* From the Inside Flap Look across the country on any summer Saturday and what do you see? From coast to coast you see millions of men mowing. There also may be some women tending to the turf these days, but the obsession with the lawn is truly a male phenomenon. How green is it? How thick is it? How well-mown and weed-free is it? These are the questions that try men's souls. In *A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn*, author Warren Schultz delves into history, psychology, and botany to explain the irresistible appeal of the riding mower and freshly cut grass. But as a leading expert on lawn and garden care, he also offers a wealth of practical, hands-on information for growing, mowing, weeding, and watering a better lawn. Schultz explores how the lawn grew up in America and visits some of the great historical lawns. He examines the machines involved--reel and rotary lawn mowers, weed whackers and water sprinklers--that shape the lawn, and gets down on his knees to look at some amazing grass, highlighting the pros and cons of the many new varieties. Schultz interviews the great turf gurus of golf courses and ballparks and reveals their insiders' tips on lawn care. *A Man's Turf* also provides a unique guide to lawn-related products, events, and pilgrimages--from a bicycle-powered mower to the finish line of the lawn mower races to a mower museum. In *A Man's Turf: The Perfect Lawn*, garden expert Warren Schultz examines the pleasures and pitfalls that await the lawn-obsessed everywhere. He explains how to grow, mow, weed, and water a thicker, greener, healthier lawn, offering insight and a wealth of practical information, along with more than 200 full-color photographs.