



The Sugar Season: A Year in the Life of Maple Syrup, and One Family's Quest for the Sweetest Harvest (Hardback)

By Douglas Whynott

The Perseus Books Group, United States, 2014. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A year in the life of one New England family as they work to preserve an ancient, lucrative, and threatened agricultural art--the sweetest harvest, maple syrup. How has one of America's oldest agricultural crafts evolved from a quaint enterprise with sugar parties and the delicacy sugar on snow to a modern industry? At a sugarhouse owned by maple syrup entrepreneur Bruce Bascom, 80,000 gallons of sap are processed daily during winter's end. In *The Sugar Season*, Douglas Whynott follows Bascom through one tumultuous season, taking us deep into the sugarbush, where sunlight and sap are intimately related and the sound of the taps gives the woods a rhythm and a ring. Along the way, he reveals the inner workings of the multimillion-dollar maple sugar industry. Make no mistake, it's big business--complete with a Maple Hall of Fame, a black market, a major syrup heist monitored by Homeland Security, a Canadian organization called The Federation, and a Global Strategic Reserve that's comparable to OPEC (fitting, since a barrel of maple syrup is worth more than a barrel...



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