



***Enduring roofing
traditions in France***

***Tradiciones perdurables de
la construcción de tejados
en Francia***

***Tradições duradouras da
construção de telhados em
França***

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This is a new edition of the *Traité de couverture traditionnelle*, a reference work on traditional construction in France by Professor Pierre Leboutoux, chief architect of the Monuments Historiques department from 1966 to 1993.

Starting with a presentation of the evolution of roofing in France, the book is devoted to traditional roofing materials and their application in different regions. Over its 312 pages it offers a complete, comparative overview of the various roof-building techniques and their history, according to the nature of the materials used: plants (thatch, wood, etc.), minerals (slate, schist, limestone, etc.), terracotta (Roman tiles, flat tiles, etc.), and finally metals (lead, tin, zinc, and copper). Each section contains a brief history followed by technical descriptions, supported by

detailed drawings and photos of the type of roof under study.

Roofers, like masons, are artist-craftspeople who have always sought to embellish the work they do, and accordingly the author devotes a chapter to roofing ornaments. He also covers the aspects involved in drawing up a detailed project estimate, as well as points to be checked before and during construction.

Comprehensive and richly illustrated, this book will enable homeowners and architects to choose the most appropriate roofing solution as well as to define its design, supervise its construction, and understand how to maintain it over the years.

Pierre Lebouteux

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