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This is a small, high quality production, and a joy to hold and read. It comprises 182 beautifully written pages, packed with information and amazing photographs. All printed on quality glossy paper and hardbound.

Susanne Lucas has held almost every office within the American Bamboo Society and is a true international ambassador for bamboos. She is currently the Executive Director of the World Bamboo Organization and a horticulturist, designer, landscape gardener and consultant. As you would expect from someone with these credentials this is not a book in the format of most bamboo books. It concentrates on the world of bamboo covering distribution, diversity, how mankind has interacted with bamboo and the environment, plus several other topics, with many useful appendix pages.

To be balanced a review should record both the positive and negative aspects, but on the latter I can only say that the text leaves me wanting to know more about every subject. Not perhaps a true negative, so I hope that Susanne will follow on with a larger volume. >>