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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A wealth of knowledgeBy Amanda L. AnganesI am so pleased with this book. I read many rave reviews, and they are all well-founded! More than just a study in breed-specific spinning, this book thoroughly covers everything you need to know about working with fleeces of any type. In particular, I found the discussion of processing tools incredibly useful - sure, you might not know what style of handcards you prefer until you use a few, but what should you be looking for in the first place? I haven't seen this discussed elsewhere. This is a heavy, expensive-feeling book. The layouts are clear, photographs are well-lit, perfectly focused, and attractively styled. Each breed's fleece is discussed along with many different spinning samples, all from a single fleece of that breed, with detailed notes on exactly how each sample was spun (prep, drafting method, wheel configuration, finishing, etc). The samples illustrate directly how that fleece behaves when handled in these different

ways. It is wonderful to see clear examples to demonstrate how these differences pan out. It is one thing to offer advice, such as "always spin to the spin count of the fleece", but it's another thing to see demonstrations of what happens when you do or don't to illustrate the point. There is a wealth of knowledge in this book and I highly recommend it to any spinner. Whether you want to prep your own fleece or not, the spinning instruction would be useful for any handspinner. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must Have By Coolmommy So much information! A great resource for anyone who works with fiber, be it knitting, crocheting, or weaving. As a new spinner I know I will refer back to this book time after time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Since I received Beth Smith's book, "The Spinner's Book ... By John Bowman Since I received Beth Smith's book, "The Spinner's Book of Fleece:" I have read it several times and have gotten so much information from it. I am a new spinner and I want to learn all I can about the fleeces and how they can be used. Thank you so much, Beth, for the book. Darla Bowman

The characteristics of fleece its structure, grease content, and fiber diameter vary widely depending on the breed of sheep the fleece comes from. In this comprehensive guide, Beth Smith profiles 21 types of fleece, from bouncy and pliant to lacy and lightweight. A sheep-by-sheep reference describes the best way to wash and spin each fleece into rich, soft yarn. You'll soon be confidently choosing the right fleece, spinning it to perfection, and enjoying the perfect yarn for your next fiber creation.

From the Back Cover **KNOW YOUR FLEECE BEFORE GIVING IT A SPIN** An essential companion for spinners of all levels, this sheep-by-sheep guide provides fleece profiles of 19 breeds and describes the different spinning methods that produce yarns suitable for a wide range of projects - from lacy shawls to sturdy outerwear. You'll explore the basic characteristics of fleece crimp structure, lock shape, and relative fineness or coarseness and learn how they affect the quality of the yarn you spin. Also included are instructions on proper cleaning and processing techniques for different types of fleece and tips for successful spinning. Choose the right fleece for your project every time, and you'll have enviable control over each step, from washing to spinning to finished item.