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About the Author

David Lyle, one of the best-informed people in the U.S. in the wood heat field, has tested a great variety of stoves during the past 30 years. For several years, he was the national distributor of Lange stoves in the U.S. In addition to his professional work with wood-burning stoves, Mr. Lyle has heated his own home with wood for several decades. Readers may recognize David Lyle as a former writer for the *New York Herald Tribune*, and the *Associated Press*. His articles have also appeared in *Esquire*, *Fine Homebuilding*, and other magazines. He lives in Acworth, New Hampshire, where he credits his special knowledge of chimney fires to his experience with the Acworth Volunteer Fire Company.

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