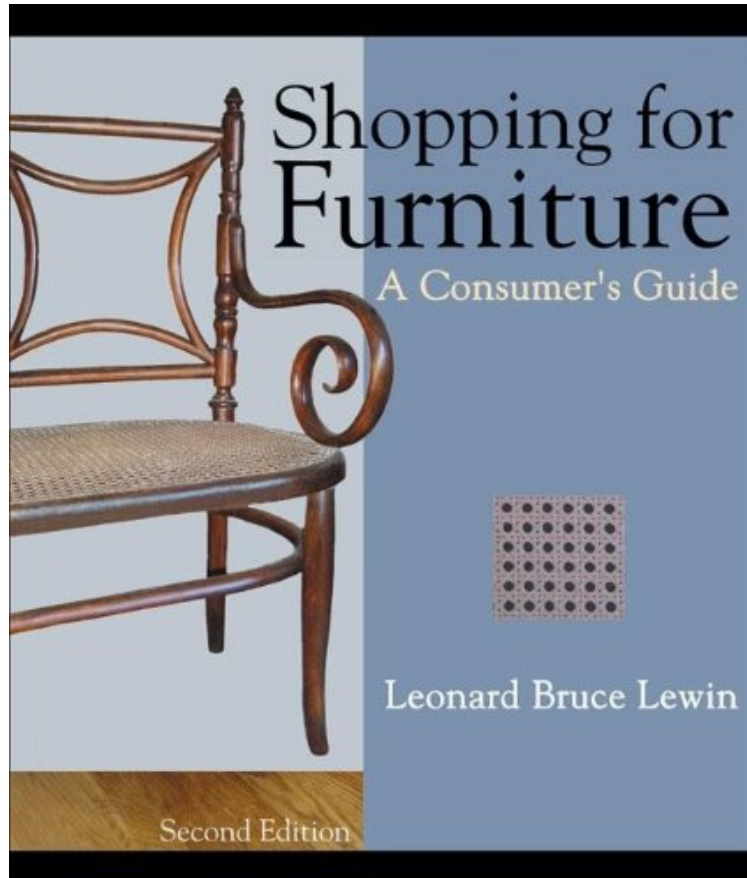


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About the Author Leonard Bruce Lewin worked in the residential furniture industry for 35 years as a sales representative for Drexel-Heritage and is considered an expert in the retail furniture industry. He lives in Folsom, California.