CONTENTS

Lessons from Asia 295

3 Looking Back to the Future: Six Spotlights on the

Postscript: The Mystery of Certificates, or Sustainable

Ac	knowledgements	vii
	troduction: Praising Wood, Caring for Wood, Splitting Wood – and a Historical Synthesis	
1	Paths into the Thicket of History 1 The 'Wood Age' 2 Man and Forest: Stories and History 3 Wood and Historical Change	13 14 28 34
2	Middle Ages and Early Modern Period: Maximum Exploitation and the Beginnings of Sustainability 1 Medieval Society and the Limits of the Forest 2 Timber Becomes a Commodity 3 Large-Scale Firewood Consumption and the First Wave of Forest Ordinance	56 57 70 92
3	From the Apogee of the 'Wood Age' to the Industrial Revolution Reform, Revolution and the Wood Economy The 'Spectre of Shortage': Did the Timber Trade Face Catastrophe? The Forest: From Living Space to Capital Wood Consumers: Economies in the Home and Outside Rollback	135 136 156 172 205 228

CONTENTS

Woo	d in the High Industrial Age: Degradation and		
Re	birth	239	
1	The Forest as an Economic Factor	240	
2	Technological Revolution in the Timber Industry	256	
3	Fissile Material and Bonding Agent: Forest and		
	Wood in the Eco-Age	276	
Glob	al Prospects and Contrasts	294	
1	Lessons from Asia	295	
2	Conflicts and (Ostensible) Solutions	318	
3	Looking Back to the Future: Six Spotlights on the		
	History of Forest and Wood	324	
stscrij	ot: The Mystery of Certificates, or, Sustainable		
		327	
Wood Talk			
References and Bibliography			
dex	del and art Historical Symthesis and an arranged from the	376	
	Glob 1 2 3 stscrip feren	Global Prospects and Contrasts 1 Lessons from Asia 2 Conflicts and (Ostensible) Solutions 3 Looking Back to the Future: Six Spotlights on the History of Forest and Wood stscript: The Mystery of Certificates, or, Sustainable Forestry versus Greenwashing and Talk ferences and Bibliography	