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This booklet takes you to the Thai village of Puai where women have been hand-weaving silk for generations. Using an ancient method called mudmi, the silk yarns are resist-dyed before the weaving takes place, creating the intricate, colorful patterns that makes their silk fabric so special. The process begins long before the weaving stage, starting with the raising of silk worms which are fed exclusively on mulberry leaves, followed by the nurturing of the cocoons, then the spinning of silk yarn from the slender threads of the cocoon.

About the Author Charles Brands is currently a Peace Corps Volunteer in a small village in Isan, a region of Thailand known for its hand-made silk cottage industry. Laurie Cameron, his co-author and mother, is a long-time quilter and lover of all things fabric. The moment Charles mentioned that there were groups of silk weavers in his village, Laurie's interest was piqued. Charles, interested in silk weaving as a traditional art form, liaised with these groups and gathered information about the silk weaving process, sending photos and descriptions via email to Laurie who used the information to document the process. Charles, a graduate of the University of Miami of Ohio, spent his formative years in Africa and Central America as a member of the U.S. Foreign Service family by way of his father, who is employed by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Laurie, a graduate of the University of Oregon with a doctorate in Economics, continues to wander the globe with her husband. They currently reside in Guatemala City.