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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Most library users are interested in homes using traditional construction methods, but comprehensive collections should offer information about alternative technologies. These three titles offer good options. Pearson offers instructions to build yurts, tipis, and benders all dwellings that consist of a collapsible, lightweight frame covered with cloth. Examples range from simple, temporary designs to much sturdier structures appropriate for year-round use. The examples are from all over the world, but brief instructions allow anyone to build a rather exotic structure inexpensively. The Sanchezes provide a wealth of information about the history and techniques associated with the use of adobe, an ancient material common in the Southwest. Twelve plans for both traditional and modern homes are included some of which look surprisingly conventional to the casual observer. This title will be of particular interest to readers in the more arid regions of North America. Mackie, a well-known author and educator of log home-building techniques, shows how to construct a log home in a low-impact, environmentally friendly manner. The homes shown are beautiful, with a great deal of exposed joinery; Mackie's step-by-step instructions and excellent illustrations show how everything is done (the author, who is in his mid-seventies, is still building homes a feat that many half his age would find taxing). These titles are recommended for comprehensive collections or for those with a regional interest in the particular technology covered.

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Review

'...a wealth of information about the history and techniques associated with the use of adobe.' --Library Journal

'Helpful for anyone buying, building, or remodeling an adobe house as well as for contractors, drafters, and real estate brokers.' --Book News

'...a fascinating wealth of information and lore.' --The Bookwatch

From the Author

We are gratified by the following early comments that have come in from readers:

"Wow! Adobe Houses for Today has been set loose on the Market. . . .The book is everything we have been looking for the past thirty years. It starts with about 100 pages of general information with lots of great photographs, about everything anyone would need to know about adobe. . . . Subtitled 'Flexible Plans for Your Adobe Home,' they are not kidding. Each house can be built in several iterations, usually in several different styles." --Head of Northern New Mexico Community College's adobe construction program

"Hey, I stayed up all night last night reading your book." -- Bernalillo, NM, adobe builder

"I met the Sanchez's this week end and reviewed the book. It is a winner and has a lot of thought and care to it . . . a good buy full of information." -- Santa Fe Solaradobe architect

"The book is a gem. The plans are everything that I was looking for . . . They are carefully thought out and indeed flexible. Kudos to Alex and Laura Sanchez for a remarkable book." -- Adobe bulletin board poster

"I received the book five days ago and have read it two times. Meets all my expectations, anxieties, and I

totally agree with your philosophy. Thanks for a great book." -- Reader in Santa Cruz, CA

". . . some of the best floor plans we've seen. This book is long overdue and is a boon to the owner-builder or small contractor." -- Adobe instructor and publisher

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Janet Speer:

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