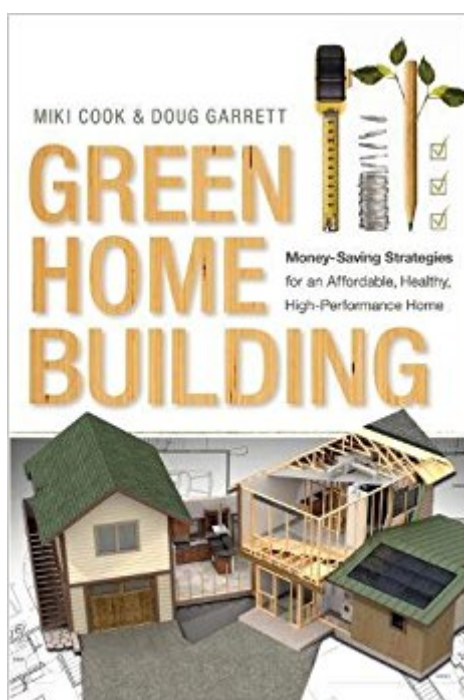


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# Green Home Building: Money-Saving Strategies For An Affordable, Healthy, High-Performance Home



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An excellent book for those who are seeking to build green. It shows that it is possible for not a lot more than conventional building. The key is having a builder who knows what he or she is doing. You can spend all you money on green materials and appliances, but if done incorrectly, you're just throwing good money after bad. This book starts your journey.

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I have not finished reading this book but I am very impressed with the level of information. I spent two years building an off grid home. I recently sold it and will be having another one built in the spring. I will be relying on others to do the construction this time, so I must have all of my details in order to relay what I want done. This book has reminded me of many things and have taught me several new ideas. I highly recommend this book.

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very informative

Great book!

love the book, Miki did a great job on this

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