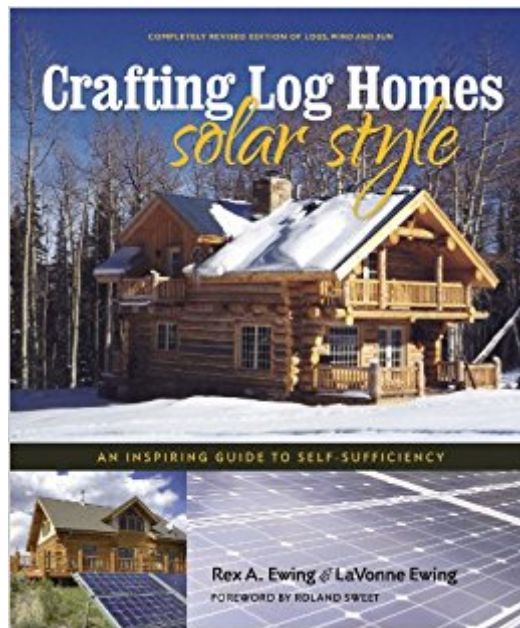




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Crafting Log Homes Solar Style: An Inspiring Guide To Self-Sufficiency



Synopsis

A down-to-earth guide to building solar-powered log homes, complete with how-to illustrations and photos, plus enlightening stories from log home owners across the country. Follow the authors' journey of handcrafting an off-the-grid log home in the Colorado Rockies and discover how renewable energy is a perfect match for modern log home living, from small weekend cabins to expansive year-round homes. (The completed revised edition of Logs, Wind and Sun) CONTENTS 1. Log Home Living, Solar Style 2. Site Selection 3. Plans and Permits 4. Logs 5. Tools for Construction 6. Excavation and Foundation Work 7. The Floor 8. Peeling and Lifting Logs 9. Building with Logs: Part I 10. Building with Logs: Part II 11. Gables and Dormers 12. Roof Framing 13. Windows, Doors and Wiring 14. More Settling Issues 15. Chinking and Finishing 16. A New Philosophy of Freedom 17. Harvesting Solar and Wind Power 18. Heating of House and Water 19. Pumping Water 20. Finish Work: Making Your House a Home Log-ically Solar: Homeowner Profiles from Around the Country LaVonne's LogBooks (a 2-year diary) Appendix (Costs to Consider, Notes for Off-Grid Homes, Resources, General Bibliography, Recommended Reading) Index

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Customer Reviews

There aren't a lot of books that focus on the nuts and bolts of log home construction. Fewer still that focus on the energy efficiency possibilities. Rex and LaVonne's book tackles them both and does it well. Crafting Log Homes Solar Style is a great resource for anyone planning to undertake their own log home construction process. It's broad enough to give you an accurate perspective on the entire

process and detailed enough to serve as a manual during construction. Besides being filled with up-to-date real world advice, it's well-written and filled with personal experiences. This book would be at the top of my list for any log construction project. --Jim Cooper, author of Log Homes Made Easy and contributing editor of Log Home Living

The yin/yang aspect of a couple working together to build their dream home transports this from being a mere how-to-book, to something like an adventure, or at least a darn good story. If you're in the market for a log home or alternative energy system, this book will provide you with plenty of inspiration, as well as practical know-how. But even if you're not into log homes, there's a good chance you'll enjoy meeting these people and sharing some of their experiences --and the romance. --J. D. Belanger, Countryside Editor Emeritus

This book is a must-read for anyone planning to build a log home. And it offers homeowners an opportunity to incorporate the past with the present by equipping their energy-saving log structures with modern solar energy--a great win-win combination. --Gary Schroeder, Schroeder Log Home Supply

Rex and LaVonne Ewing currently live and work from their solar- and wind-powered log home overlooking Colorado's expansive Front Range. Their three-year project started in 1999 when they left the plains of northern Colorado and moved into a primitive mountain cabin, where they lived with few amenities while handcrafting their new log home. Once completed, they set out to produce a book that would tell others just how attainable their dreams of off-the-grid, log home living could be. Logs, Wind and Sun was released in 2003, and in this updated version, they have included several profiles of other off-grid log home owners who have successfully pursued their dreams. Rex mastered his log building skills in the 1980s when he built two log homes. After that he spent several years as CEO of a well-respected equine nutrition firm, where he formulated and marketed numerous nutrition products worldwide. In 1997, he wrote a best-selling book on horse nutrition: Beyond the Hay Days: Refreshingly Simple Horse Nutrition and has since written books on renewable energy, including Power With Nature; Got Sun? Go Solar; and HYDROGEN--Hot Stuff Cool Science. His articles can be found in log home magazines, and Countryside Journal. LaVonne is owner of Image Resource, a graphic design firm that specializes in book design, art catalogs, and corporate identities.

This book is full of good, practical, information for all aspects of real log home construction. No kit building here...you put your own "log A-5" to your logs if you please, no one will do it for you. You will know what to use and what to buy for your needs from the logs to the tools to work them. Solar?

This book tells you how to build a log home! The author uses nearly only natural energies and therefore builds to an energy efficient level...we can all use that, solar or not. I wish the guy who built our cabin had read and understood these procedures before the build. I now know better how to fix the issues.

Anyone who loves the outdoors, anyone who is contemplating building a log cabin, anyone who is thinking of going green, will just love this book. This book feels like your friends are telling you all their experiences, in a good way. This is an enjoyable book which teaches you loads as you read, without you realising it. It is amusing too, with their tips, and their ups and downs. Just get it you'll see what I mean.

Great book! Explains a lot of steps that are taken, even before starting to built the Log Cabin and set up solar. Good inspiration when contemplating building your own cabin.

Definitely not a how-to guide.

Using for additional info source

not your standard cookie cutter offering, good insight

Very helpful

This book gave us a great overview, made the whole process that we are setting out to do, seem do-able. I would recommend this book to anyone the least bit curious about setting up a log home to accept solar tech.

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