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How a Kansas Grandmother Built Her Own Natural Home in the Woods

By Dorethy Hancock



Synopsis

Half 'How-to' and half memoir, the author tells, in her own pithy down-to-earth style, of her experiences building a cob house and a straw bale house. Pictures give the reader an inside view of the philosophy and practicality behind natural building, an ages-old practice that is becoming ever more popular around the world.

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Customer Reviews

An interesting book which is a realistic account of the work and emotions involved in building in a natural style with natural materials. Perhaps this style of building is best done by young people. As a 71 year old I was considering this type of building but now I think not. I'm so glad I read this book. If I could, I would buy this house as the hard work has already been done and living in a "natural" house has long been a dream of mine. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in building with cobb or straw bales.

Inspirational but not sappy, this book gives both the positives and the negatives of striking out on your own to build alternative housing. Pay attention to the details of just how much help the author was able to gain from neighbors, friends and friendly strangers, then assess your own situation.

I enjoyed following this author as she built her cob home. Has lots of information in it and its an easy read. You may need more detailed information if you intend to build one yourself.

Thoroughly enjoyed reading this. It was inspiring, and I came to like the author very much.

Great story on the reality and pitfalls. Needs more how to details. Wonderful read.

Nice story.

I thought it was about cob construction methods, not about some new age philosophy guide. The link that took me too it said that it was a great reference book. I could not get past the concept to get far enough along to where there might have been some practical help.

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