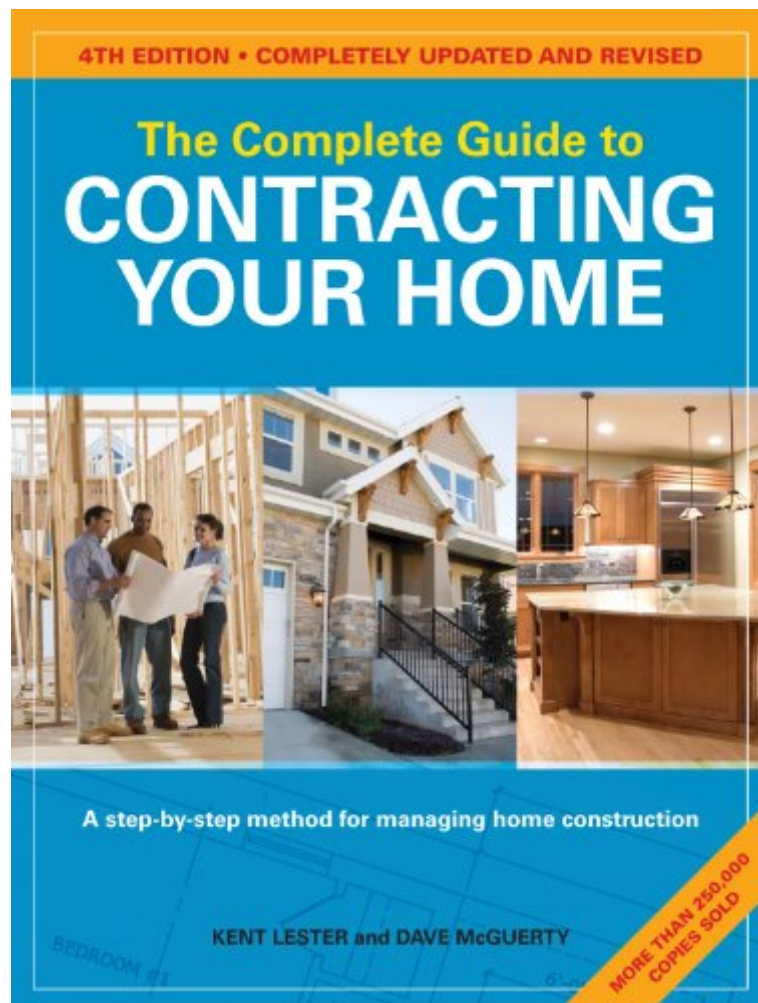




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Customer Reviews

Not only is this book thorough, it has the detail you need to get results. The tables help in calculations; the checklists help you keep organized. The author offers alternatives, suggestions, good advice, and tells how to avoid common pitfalls. It is professionally written, easy to follow, and thorough. I wish I had had this book when I started my first major construction project (24 x 50 -3 story with solar heat) in 1979. I now have half a dozen building projects behind me, and am finishing restoring an elegant Queen Anne. I just purchased another 'handyman special' Queen Anne, and am designing my retirement home. By the time I finish those, this book will show a lot of wear!

If you know anything about the building process, this book doesn't provide much in the way of new insights to the process. It would be a good starting point for someone without any prior knowledge, but it lacks depth.

I was apprehensive to begin contracting my home but this book makes the process easy to understand and let me know what I'm in for. I now understand that this is a mammoth undertaking of time, organization, and money but it is also easy to understand at a supervisor level. The perspective that the book takes is that you do not need to learn how to do each step in the process; you just need to know the sequence and whether it was done well. The check lists for each step are great. Disclaimer: I have not started my project yet so I can't be sure yet how well this book has prepared me.

I purchased 3 different books on building your own home, I by far like this one the best. I am in the process right now of getting my permits for septic, then building permits. :)

Well I must differ with Mr Landers. His review seems from another planet. I had purchased this book several years ago and was pleasantly surprised when we finally decided to build and found it in my library. Yes there is some out dated information, and its not meant to be the contacting bible but it was very informative for us. I specially liked the management part section that is used once you start the process. For example I used the calculations to get a real world price on cement by the yard for footing, foundation, garage floor and basement floor and compared it to quotes that came in. The quotes are really the ultimate test in pricing. Bear in mind that you are contracting from a set of approved plans that professionals have stamped, detailing the construction process that your sub must adhere to and that are part of the construction code. Great book and I highly recommend it.

Great book. Very good information and a great reference book to have in your collection of building and contracting books.

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