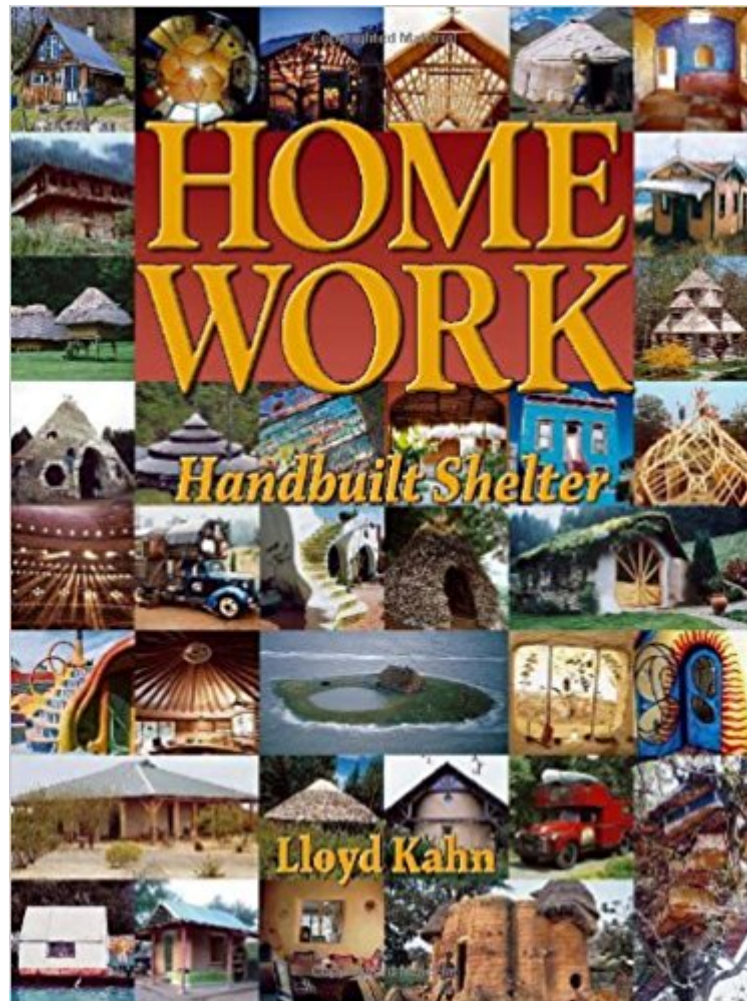




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Lloyd is not only a writer about nifty ways to build and live, he is a philosophy of it all, a guy who lives what he writes about. Books like this one inspire, and the value of inspiration cannot be explained in material or monetary terms. Inspiration comes from people - like Lloyd - who can instill

you with a feeling and belief of "I CAN", and "You CAN". You can't get more patriotic than that. If we can't do THIS, we have have no reason to go to war. This is the other face of Freedom: Doing it yourself in a respectful way. Bravo Lloyd!

This book is a sequel to Kahn's 1973 book "Shelter". Another large oversized book, it is a book that you won't be able to put down. The book claims some 1100 photos and over 300 drawings all illustrating shelters of one type or another that are built by hand. Most of the pictures are in color featuring some of the best photography you will ever see. This book has helped me to realize that I like vernacular architecture - not the kind that comes in a box, but the kinds of homes and buildings people make using the materials they have around them without professional help - or is it? The rest of the world knows about this type of building and much of it has been there for a thousand years or more. Hippy vans, naked builders, Flying Concrete, Timolandia, ferrocement houses, natural houses, unnatural houses, earth houses, boat houses, tree houses, fantasy houses, a greenhouse built out of old car windshields-- more great houses and buildings than you could ever imagine, simply because many of these places are beyond imagination. This is inspiring me to go finish my secret room so I can show everybody. There are things in this book that are guaranteed to inspire you to do something weird just because they are so interesting looking. Okay - then I'll guarantee that they will inspire me to do something weird. What's new? At any rate, if you are looking for inspiration and want to get away from the cookie cutter look, want something different, or just want to look at pictures because you can't read, then I highly recommend that you get this book. You won't be sorry. Looking at the price I paid at -\$17.79 I couldn't believe it - list on the back is \$26.95. It would have been a bargain at the high price.

To be perfectly honest, I bought this book expecting to look at the pictures and possibly read the captions. I ended up reading it cover to cover and enjoyed every moment of being transported out of consensus reality and into the lives and homes that represent other, often richer, and certainly equally valid ways of going through life. Loved it.

Mostly for inspiration and to give you some insight to how some of these structures were built, this book was a great buy. Bought it on kindle and pleased with full color photos

Even if you aren't planning on building anything, this book is filled with nothing but interesting and valuable information. I would think if every human read it, we would all be a lot more useful.

Lloyd Kahn's latest book on the ideas and independent solutions people have come up with for building is fantastic. There is an element of nostalgia for anyone who grew up reading books from the alternative press. Lloyd's publications being some of the best establish his credentials for this latest effort. It's a small but potent reminder to all the creative builders who might have settled (or compromised) into the pre-fab burbs that there are still people creating unique spaces to live. A subtle reminder disguised as a colorful coffee table tome with a subtle subversive theme. The examples from his photos and short essays of people who with patience, perseverance and lots of creativity build houses only they envisioned.

My go to book for creative inspiration! So full of amazing stories, as well as, thousands of pictures of a wide range of artistic styles. I never tire of looking through it's pages!

Cute and covers an enormous amount of ground- mostly non-traditional and sustainable type homes-plenty of great photos

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