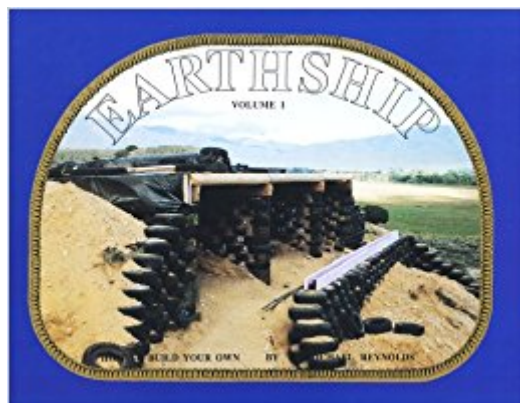


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# Earthship: How To Build Your Own, Vol. 1



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## Customer Reviews

Like many of the other reviewers I am fascinated by sustainable housing. I was drawn to this technology after a some research online and in the library on earth sheltered homes. I would really love to inhabit an earthship of my own. For now though I've purchased the entire trilogy in the last year and enjoy reading through them. The problem here is, this series of books was written in the early 1990s, making them 20 years old. In those 20 years Michael Reynolds and his crew have done a lot of tinkering and trial and error, managing to improve the system drastically. These leaps forward are not represented in these books. Some of the techniques enshrined within have been discarded completely as their flaws came to light. I hope they do update in the future. I'll gladly get another set. For now, the books have solid information, just be sure to do deeper research.

These books are way ahead of their time. The author first describes the idea of a self-contained "earthship" -- a home that provides for it's own power, sewage, food and water needs. He then talks about the structure, the ideas behind it, and why it works. The rest of the book is all about how to actually build one. Don't pass this up, once you get the idea in your head, you'll want to build one of your own!

I went to Taos and toured some of the "Earth Ship" houses, and they were wonderful. I bought the books there and read them cover to cover (on the way home). These books are full of good, practical, information. If you have access to old tires, empty cans, clay mud, you could build your own house. I haven't done a house yet, but I've done some other interesting projects using these principles.

This book could change the world. Yes, a sweeping claim but just check it out if you are interested in living in harmony with the earth. Imagine living in a home you built yourself of materials all in overabundance in the states. Imagine never having to pay another utility bill! This book has it all baby! I'd like to build the world an earthship. A revolutionary idea for our screwy times> BUY IT READ IT GET IT DO IT!!!

I've read the two volume Michael Reynolds "Earthship" Duo as a start to my new project to eventually design and build an energy independent and eco friendly retirement home. I'm not sure yet that I want a "composting toilet", but I do want to be educated about the entire process. This is the classic basic, The Earthship. It's a good way to start changing your mind set. How much hot water do I really need to be happy? Well organized and passionately written by someone who has dedicated a lot of thought to living responsibly on Mother Earth.

This book and the rest of the books in this series are the perfect recipe for living in harmony with the Earth. Reducing our carbon footprint is the challenge for this generation and this book series shows you how to do it - step by step. It's wonderful for the do-it-yourselfer and presents it in an easy-to-follow guide that gives even a novice the confidence that he/she can do it, too! I saw Earthships on several documentaries on Discovery channel and I am impressed by just how little energy they need to sustain themselves and how logical they are designed. I devoured this book and parts II and III as well. I can't recommend this series enough!

i had REALLY looked forward to this book, as i love the idea of his whole system, not just the style of housing. Yet, i found the book decidedly not worth its price for these reasons:1. NO color pics.2. NO clear instructions on many of the most important and interesting facets of his holistic design; such as how to go about the nuts and bolts of the plumbing infrastructure to support the whole multi-tiered water system of white water, grey water, black water, etc.3. not many photographs at all.4. too much verbose ramblings of his philosophy that did not pertain to building one of his

creations.5. not enough simple and CLEAR instruction on each stage of building.6. i hesitate to even consider purchasing his other "volumes" since the first one is SSOOOO lacking.in summation, i am most assuredly disappointed.

Wonderful. Easy to read and understand (maybe a little too easy sometimes, but that's OK). We are preparing to build using this book, and we are really excited by the possibilities. I would recommend this book (and have) to anyone interested in really understanding sustainable living. Great book.

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