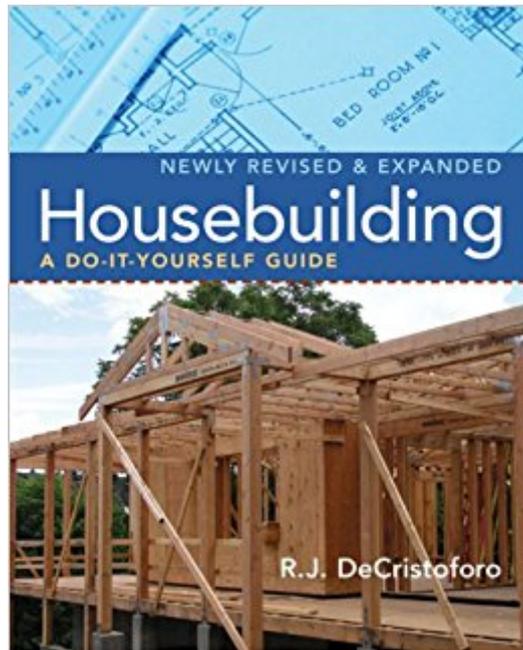


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Pros: Easy read! I went through the entire bookstore in my hometown, this was one of the few books that really explained mostly everything necessary to build a house. I'm 55. In my 20's I worked on houses doing light to heavy duty home repairs, but I never took a course or school training and I wish I had. This book does a good job for covering all of the basics you'd probably learn with formal training, without the professor-talk. Let's say you couldn't read, but you can count money and read blueprints like some of my friends in the past have done. If you studied the pictures and memorized them, I'm willing to bet, there's a good chance you could build a solid, modern home, just from the pictures alone. Now this is a testament to how well this book was written by the now deceased author Mr. R.J. DeCristoforo. Over the years I would buy one of these 500-1000 page tomes' and

might end up reading about 30-40 pages while it eventually would fall apart in the floorboard of an extended cab pick-up after several years of I'm going to read that thing one day. The difference between this book and the book written by educators is that this one is easy to read. It's like this guy is standing right next to you saying, you do this this way and you do that that way while showing step by step how all of the small details fit into the big picture. Cons: Very few of these construction guides tell the name and descriptions of the tools of the trade manual or otherwise power tools. We could use some pictures of all of the tools necessary to build a house and at least a brief explanation of how to use them in a production environment, @ the jobsite! On a side note: All Authors need to show more pages online of their book.

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