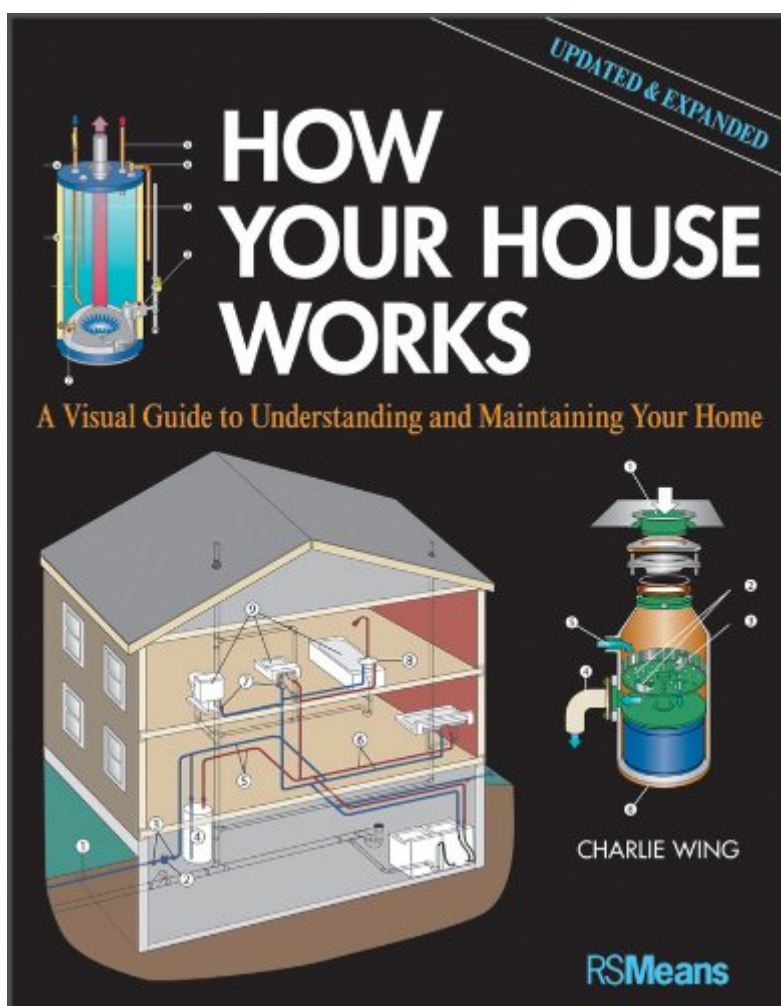


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How Your House Works: A Visual Guide To Understanding And Maintaining Your Home, Updated And Expanded (RSMeans)



Synopsis

Understand how to maintain everything in your home—including the kitchen sink *How Your House Works*, Second Edition reinforces the fact that it pays to be an informed consumer. Knowledge of your home's systems helps you control repair and construction costs and makes sure the correct elements are being installed or replaced. *How Your House Works* uncovers the mysteries behind just about every major appliance and building element in your house. Clear, full-color drawings show you exactly how these things should be put together and how they function, including what to check if they don't work. Covering topics such as electrical systems, heating and air conditioning, plumbing, major household appliances, foundation, framing, doors, and windows, this updated Second Edition has considerable additional information, with new chapters related to sustainability in and outside the house, as well as new topics, including clock thermostats, ventless gas heaters, moisture and mold, and passive solar heating. Illustrated guidance on electrical systems, heating and air conditioning, plumbing, major household appliances, foundation, framing, doors, and windows Includes a wealth of additional information, with new chapters related to sustainability and outside the house Features new topics that include clock thermostats, ventless gas heaters, moisture and mold, LED lamps, motion-activated light switches, and passive solar heating Presented in a richly illustrated with full-color drawings With see-through, cross-section drawings that show you how things are put together and how they function, *How Your House Works* supplies you with the knowledge that just might save you having to call in a professional.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone who can follow this book doesn't need it. Great illustrations ÃfÂçÃ â -Ã â • superficial discussion. I am a retired Mechanical Engineer and general handyman. I build furniture and have drawn up plans for two houses, so I probably have more knowledge than the average homeowner, yet I found this book lacking in substance and difficult to follow. I am now in my 70s and this book looked like a great reference for my wife who statistically should outlive me. With so many great illustrations, I thought that it would be a great way to answer many of the questions that she has started asking as the reality of our age and mortality becomes more real every day. Personally, just having the illustrations is advantageous to me. If I know how something is constructed, I can usually fix it. I had hoped for more. The first section of the book covered plumbing. The only thing that I was interested in is the venting system. We had a house some years ago that would vent sewer gases through the roof vents from time to time. I was never able to identify the source of the problem. We had several plumbers come to the house but they were just as mystified as we were. I hoped that this book might give me a clue about this problem. It did not. What really surprised me was the text that accompanied the illustration of the venting system. It was more gibberish than anything else. I re-read several sentences three or four times before I finally accepted that this author is incapable of explaining anything. As I continued to read the book, this lack of information proved to be the norm rather than the exception. The book needs at least three or four times as many illustrations and clear identification of how things are assembled and the function of each part if it is to have any relevance to the average homeowner. One Star might seem a bit harsh for such a wonderfully illustrated book but a collection of illustrations does not make a How-To book.

Very good reference material stated in layman terms. Gives you a chance to understand the basics of what is in your house and how it is supposed to function.

This is an excellent reference for someone getting to know the home as a sum of parts. I bought this for friends who recently bought a new home and do not have construction experience. This text is

an excellent overview and I would recommend it for anyone who wants to more intimately understand your home. It does not include specific maintenance procedures, so an ideal combo would be this book and Youtube searches for specific questions.

Great informative book. I moved into a house from a condo and this really helped in giving me overall knowledge about the layout of a house including plumbing, electrical, sewer, etc.

Beautiful graphics, but a lot of information about how stuff works that the average homeowner would NEVER attempt to work on.

Wonderful! We purchase one of these for every single family client we work with. And our team has learned a lot from it too.

Good book

This is a must for homeowners- my husband loves it.

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