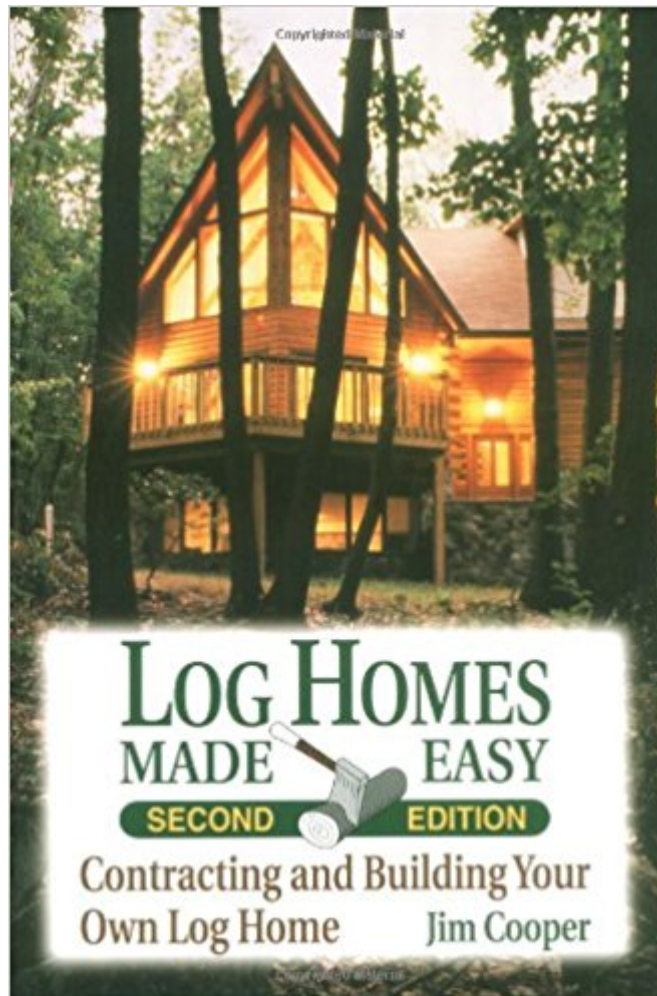




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# Log Homes Made Easy, 2nd Edition



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6 x 9 25 b/w photos 40 drawings Complete, inexpensive guide to building log homes Kits, financing, and construction How to be your own general contractor "For enthusiasts and would-be inhabitants of log homes, Cooper provides concise and sensible information . . . Recommended." -Library Journal The revised and updated edition of this best-selling guide (first edition, 0-8117-2422-0) outlines what every owner-contractor needs to know before beginning a dream log home-getting started; comparing price quotes; researching on the Internet; choosing an architect; planning the site, road, well, and septic systems; finding and managing subcontractors; and scheduling and controlling costs. The author also explores the myths and realities of log home life, including maintenance and energy efficiency. Jim Cooper owns Oak Ridge Log Homes in Frederick, Maryland.

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## Customer Reviews

As an experienced builder, Cooper is a strong proponent of log homes even while he debunks some of the myths associated with them (e.g., their rusticity makes them inexpensive and easy to build). Instead, as Cooper suggests, they are products of modern engineering and building methods, and their rustic ambience comes at a hefty price. Still, they occupy a solid niche in the home construction market. For enthusiasts and would-be inhabitants of log homes, Cooper provides concise and sensible information on shopping for kit homes, selecting and preparing suitable land,

estimating construction costs, securing financing (sometimes tricky with log homes), and overseeing construction. Numerous well-conceived checklists and forms complete this solid guide for the owner/contractor. Recommended for most public libraries.- Bill Demo, Tompkins Cortland Community Coll., Dryden, N.Y. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This book had all the information regarding building, purchasing land, forming the foundation, getting contractors, - everything necessary to start a home from nothing. While containing all the information I needed, it informed me I am not willing to go through this much work to get my own house. I would rather purchase a pre-built home.

I have the dream! To someday (soon) build our home using logs, on the land we've chosen, and relish in the knowledge that we did it - and saved a buck doing it. There are, in my efforts to locate books to educate myself in this pursuit, three general approaches to accomplishing this task. 1) Have a builder do it all for you 2) Become the owner/general contractor and hire the subcontractors yourself or 3) Become the owner/builder and do as much as possible of the labor yourself. I intend to build as much of the home as I can, only subcontracting out those phases that are either too time consuming, labor intensive, or technical. This book discourages - over and over again - the owner/builder, and only gives slightly higher recommendation to owner/general contractor. He has justification for his opinions. I don't think this project will be a piece of cake, and much study will take place before and during the undertaking. I still intend to strive to owner/build, and encourage all those with the same dream to focus on the "can do" and not be dissuaded by those that "can't". Preparation, opportunity, and a little good weather!! David

This is the best book currently available on the subject of log home construction planning. It is well-organized, clearly written, and offers helpful information to anyone who is planning on building a log home. The reason it gets four stars instead of five is that some statements in the book must be read with your thinking cap on...The author is a milled log kit seller, so he shows a subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) bias against handcrafted homes, build-it-yourselfers, and the like. Of course, every salesman believes that his own product is the best- so who can fault him...just take in the book with a "grain of salt" and remember to think for yourself.

Jim Cooper is a plain-spoken man who has been both a log home builder and dealer. He lives in a log home that he built. Right off the bat, he knows of which he speaks. Some people have a dream to build their own log home. Whether you plan to do all, some or none of the actual work, Jim Cooper offers step by step guidance along the way. His realistic approach gives helpful time tables, sample contracts and punch lists for the various and sundry steps in building that dream home. Of the many, many log home guides, this is my most favorite because it is both useful and realistic. You might as well learn about change orders, cost over-runs and subcontractors before taking the plunge!

I went to a log home seminar this year in portland, oregon, where jim cooper was the speaker. I have built my own home once before, so alot of the basic stuff that he went over was just that to me, basic. but he really knows what he is talking about and knows how to break it down so that it is easily understood. i bought his book, along with others, while i was at the seminar.i was also fortunate enough to have lunch with him that day and pick his brain a bit. i have read the book, and must say that it has greatly helped me in my quest to build my log home, (which is getting near!). when my home is complete i will proudly display my autographed, wore out copy of this book in my home..

This is a very good book if your intention is to be your own general contractor, or even hire a general contractor to build your log home. The author (as noted in many other reviews) shows a bias towards milled kit homes since that's what he sells.Since I am planning to build my own log home from scratch (not using a kit) I found the bias a little annoying, but I still found a few good pieces of advice here and there. If you are planning to build it yourself from scratch I would recommend taking the two-day seminar from loghomebuilders.org instead, or in addition to this book.

I GOT THIS BOOK FOR MY SON, FROM THE LIBRARY, AND HE LIKED IT SO MUCH THAT HE WANTED TO 'HIGHLITE' SO MANY THINGS. I ORDERED IT FOR HIM AS HE IS INTERESTED IN BUILDING A LOG HOUSE, BUT THEN HE FOUND A 6 YR. OLD LOG HOUSE, BUT THIS BOOK HAD ADVISED HIM AS TO THE BEST TYPE OF TIMBERS, AND MANY OTHER THINGS. HE WAS ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE OWNER THAT HE WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT WITHOUT THE WONDERFUL INFORMATION IN THIS BOOK.

Jim Cooper's book is excellent. Anyone who is considering a log home should read this. I've talked to people who have read it 2 or 3 times as they got closer to actually building. I found it particularly valuable because it takes what seems like a daunting task and breaks it down into manageable parts, explaining what must be done each step along the way. If you're considering a log home, the next step is to read this book.

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