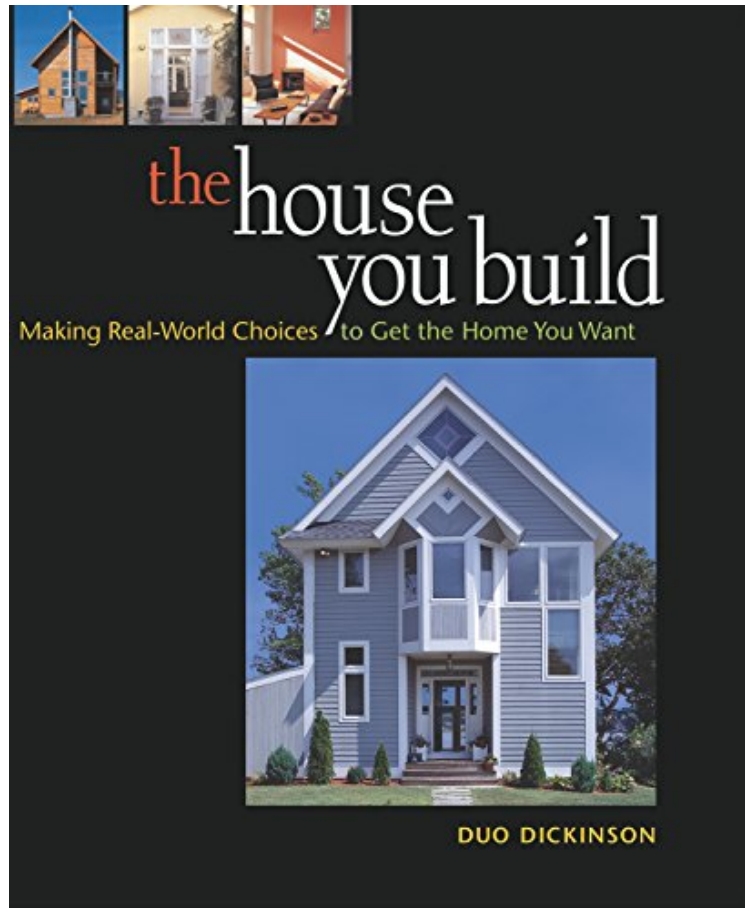


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Duo Dickinson : The House You Build: Making Real-World Choices to Get the Home You Want (American Institute Architects) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The House You Build: Making Real-World Choices to Get the Home You Want (American Institute Architects):

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Good for all intersted in housing designBy N. Malcolm PetersonThis is a good book for both the professional and the layman. The professional will most certainly find him/herself saying, "I knew that" at some points in the book, but will also glean kernels enough to make it worth his/her time. It is written in a style that is understandable by the "common man", yet doesn't condescend to the professional.For the layman interested in good design and with a limited, realistic budget, to whom quality is greater in the equation than quantity, it is a veritable treasure trove of interesting and attainable design ideas. If you are embarking on the adventure of building a custom home, you will find inspiration and a vision of what the end goal will

be. The houses in this book are representative of real world examples, which is very refreshing, nodding neither to the McMansions that are so popular in today's subdivisions, nor to their hybrid architecturally aloof cousins on the other end of the spectrum (both being ostentatious in their own right). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By linda black Beautiful 8 of 15 people found the following review helpful. A big disappointment to anyone who wants a normal family home By Boraxo I bought this book with high hopes after seeing the reviews. But it turned out to be a big waste of money. As another reviewer noted, most of these homes are unique and built for specific sites that have views, or wilderness, etc. Many of the homes are quite small and not suitable for families with 2+ kids who want great rooms, guest rooms, offices, etc. The only really useful info are the photos which show a few design styles that you may wish to incorporate into your house, i.e. non-traditional open staircases. But most of the styles can be found in any home magazine. If you are building a small retirement home and want a unique design then maybe this book is for you. But if you are like the rest of us who are looking to build a nice 2-story family home on a standard suburban lot in a classical cape cod, rambler, victorian or even contemporary style you won't find any useful plans or information. I give it 2* only because it was slightly more useful than the truly awful Dummies book (see my other review).

Until now, homeowners have had to choose between the twin worlds of budget-friendly mediocrity and unaffordable fantasy. Responding to this gap, acclaimed architect Duo Dickinson demonstrates that a customhouse doesn't depend on a fabulous price tag. The House You Build offers a third way of building that is grounded in the realities of time and money, but focuses on your fondest hopes and dreams. Here are 20 real-world situations where unique and imaginative homes were built on real-life budgets. When you build on a budget, there are no right answers, only careful choices. There are 20 dreams in this book, and these dreams came true. The House You Build is the first book of architect-designed homes that presents the real costs of their construction including design fees, the Six Rules on Getting What You Want (and can afford), a broad range of house styles from all over the country, and homes that accommodate a wide variety of lifestyles.

""Duo Dickinson...demonstrates that anyone can build a truly distinctive house--indeed, home--without spending a fortune. This book is a must for anyone who is disheartened by the current character of most American houses." About the Author A self-styled maverick within the profession, Duo Dickinson, AIA, is an architect in Madison, Connecticut. He is the author of five books on residential design, including The Small House (McGraw-Hill, 1986) and Small Houses for the Next Century (McGraw-Hill, 1995). His design philosophy has been summarized in The New York Times as: "Design it small, make it as beautiful as possible, and practice every trick in the book to keep it as cheap as possible."