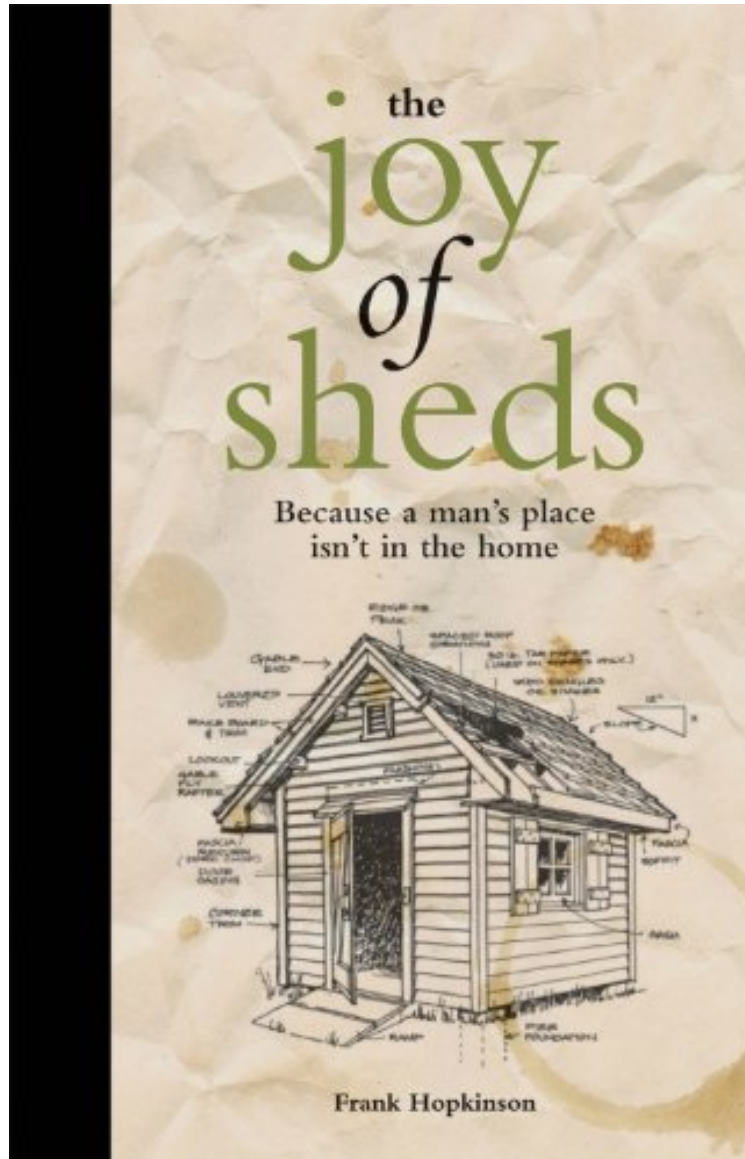


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**Frank Hopkinson : The Joy of Sheds** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Joy of Sheds:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Shedding new light on the small enclosures known as 'sheds'.By Dwayne the LudditeSemi-amusing coffee table book with some interesting bits inside... provided 'Sheds' are of interest to you.After about 1/2 of the book you can tell that the author was struggling to remain 'sheddy' and was digging hard to find 'shed' material or anything that mentioned sheds... or looked like a shed... or shed water when it rained.

ANYTHING! Just so long as it has 'shed' in it. On the plus side: the coffee stains on the cover were printed right in so you won't feel guilty if you use it for a coaster! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fun Little Book By B. Owens Bought for a gift for son in law, and he seems to enjoy it. I read and thought it had a lot of good ideas. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Shedding a Heartfelt Sigh By David Wineberg In 1968 Monty Pythons Flying Circus presented a sketch in which a man, a very serious looking man, a composer, was interviewed on a very serious looking highbrow arts show. He was introduced as Arthur Two Sheds Jackson, and rather than talk about his music, the interviewer spent the entire time on his nickname Two Sheds, eventually calling him by that alone. Now, just 45 years later, Fred Hopkinson comes out with *The Joy of Sheds*, an entire book on shed culture. Finally. Shedding its confining skin, the *Joy of Sheds* bursts forth with every conceivable use and application of sheds, around the world and throughout history. And all in under a hundred pages. The book sheds light on an underappreciated subset of humanity, mostly male, mostly western, who like to hide out in sheds, mostly of their own design and/or construction. 28% of shed owners claim they are a refuge from the world. They have turned them into bars, museums, bowling alleys and worse. Clearly, some of them have gone well beyond the backyard shed where the lawnmower shares space with rusted tools and spiders. A lot of writers, composers and other creatives find they do their best work in their sheds, from Grieg to Hirst. They are all noted here. Hopkinson divides sheds up in relevance: Shed History Hidden in a Shed Sheds in Music Created in a Shed Shed Art Sheds in the News Shed Lit Shed Facts Sheds on TV Sheds at the Movies Specialty Sheds Shed Imposters and Shed Plans Each brief chapter is a small collection of anecdotes on the topic, showing, I suppose that sheds can be relevant to anyone. About the only thing missing is a chapter on Shed Widows, though there are stories of women with sheds of their own. And no mention of Shediac (Canada), which I thought was the Cadillac of sheds when I was a child, inspired by the likes of Pontiac (Michigan). The most disappointing shed story belongs to a glass bottle collector in England, who turned down 80,000 pounds for his 17,500 bottles lining an ever-expanding shed. But don't shed a tear; he actually preferred the bottles to the money. Personally, I would have sold it all including the shed, and started over bigger and better, cash in hand. All in all an unusual journey shedding light onto a subculture that has received little recognition. David Wineberg

A humorous miscellany chronicling man's need for a small space all his own

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