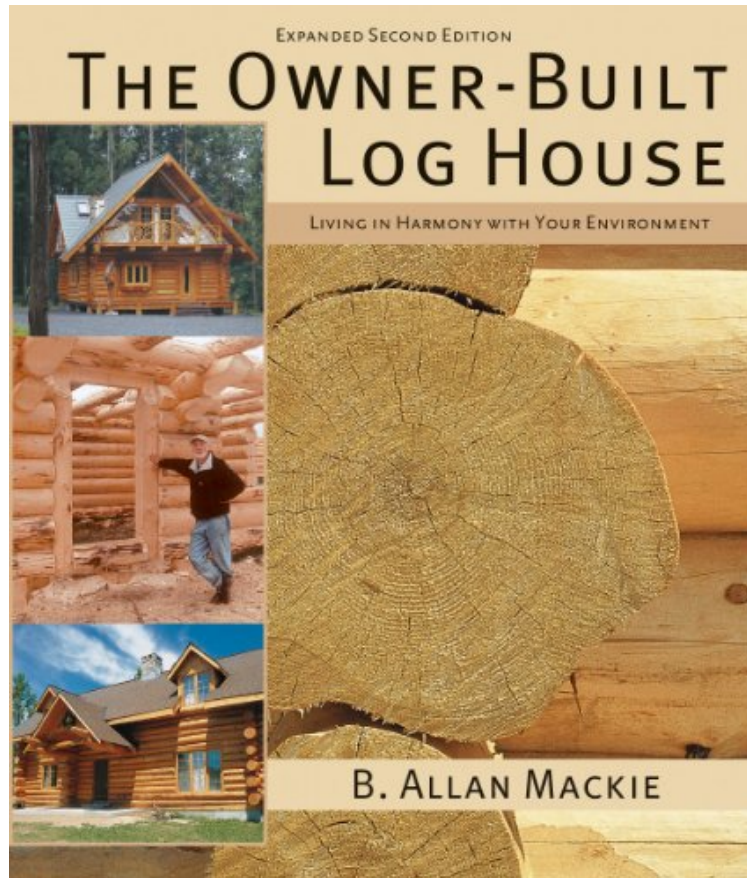


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Praise for the first edition: "B. Allan Mackie demonstrates to anyone who has ever dreamed of having a log home that ownership is within reach." -- Log Home Design A decade ago, B. Allan Mackie was nearing completion of Ardea, the log house he built on Shanty Lake. He shared these experiences in the original edition of *The Owner-Built Log House*. In this new edition he continues his personal journey, which led him to complete Ardea and realize he had yet to build the perfect log house. This book is a testament to Mackie's most treasured desire -- to reproduce the life and style of the pioneers. In this unique book, Mackie provides a thorough, expert and practical guide to building a log house. He demonstrates that, with the will to learn, the average person is more than capable of building a log house that will serve for years to come. This profusely illustrated book is both a technical manual and a photo essay. Mackie, renowned for his skill, recounts each step day by day. The chapters cover: The purpose of building a log house The building tree Making a set of plans How long it will take and how much it will cost Choosing a site and tools Log walls Notches Roofs Windows, doors and stairs Interior and finishing touches Mackie also carefully addresses such issues as building ecologically and harvesting trees. This new edition of *The Owner-Built Log House* includes a new chapter that covers the building and finishing of two additional log houses, which were only in the planning stage when the original book was published. Over 30 photographs take the reader carefully through the process of building the author's main house at Shanty Lake as well as a new and smaller retirement home in which the author currently lives.

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this information has come from decades of hands-on experience. (Rob Hadden The Owner Builder)This book is a testament to Mackie's most treasured desire: to reproduce the life and style of the pioneers. Recognized throughout North America, Europe and Asia as the foremost builder of log houses, he provides a thorough, expert and practical guide for anyone undertaking such a DIY project. More than a technical manual, the profusely illustrated book is as much a photo essay. Thirty of the pictures cover the construction of Mackie's home on Ontario's Shanty Lake and a smaller retirement home where he now lives. (Log Home Living 2012-05-01)About the AuthorB. Allan Mackie is recognized around the world as one of the foremost builders of log houses. He teaches log building throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.