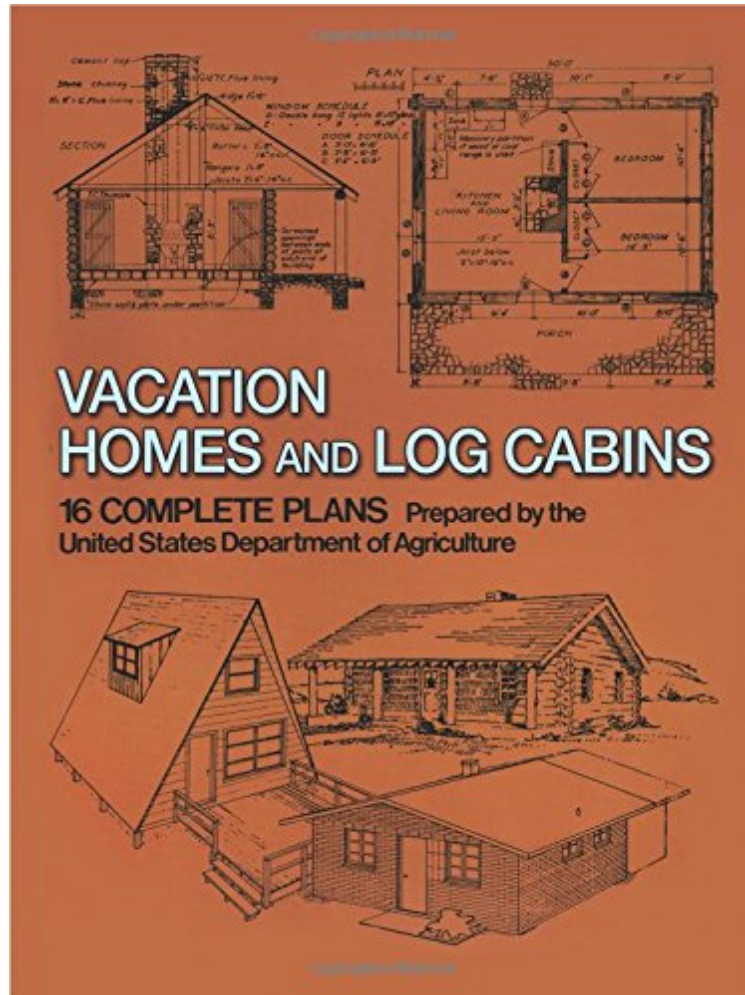


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not your Great Grandpa's Cabin. By Jay Jay Curry This book did contain some interesting or valuable information. This is the only reason I gave it two stars. As for the floor plans, they were the usual architectural crap that one sees in house plan catalogs sold at magazine stands these days. Log cabins used to be open floor plans, which allowed flexible use of the space. But, adding walls to divide up floor space not only wastes a lot of usable space, but make the cost of construction excessively high. Further, these unnecessary walls prevent an adequate fireplace from heating the entire cabin. And, every design calls for the bathing and toilet facilities being in the same room. So, when someone is taking a long, hot shower, anyone who has an urgent call of nature must make like a bear in the woods. You might as well have an outhouse. In conclusion, this book didn't provide much in

the way of ideas or designs of the practical pioneer cabin that I was looking for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great buy! Lots of ideas and building specs! By William F. Caton This is an excellent book for building ideas! I love it. It is old, but that's what makes the houses and cabin classic! This is a good buy! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By liberty man I wanted an A-frame cabin plan. I got one in this book.

Using five basic construction techniques: conventional wood-frame, A-frame, pole-frame, concrete masonry, and log cabin, here are 16 complete plans for cabins, vacation homes, and low-cost permanent homes. Designed for economy of material and labor and for efficiency and usefulness, the buildings range from a 10' by 14' one-room cabin with front porch to a two-bedroom tenant house. Also included are plans for a three-room frame cabin, 14' by 18' frame cabin, 24' by 24' frame cabin, 24' by 24' concrete-block cabin, two-bedroom frame cabin with sleeping loft, 24' by 36' A-frame vacation home, all-purpose 24' by 24' A-frame cabin, two five-room log cabins, three-room log cabin, one-bedroom pole-frame cabin, one-room pole-frame cabin, and a two-bedroom frame vacation home. Preceding each plan is a sketch of the finished building and a floor plan. Hints on construction, materials, location, and use are given as well as alternative floor plans, heating and plumbing systems, possible installments and additions, suggestions for roofing, siding, etc. These sixteen plans were compiled by the Cooperative Farm Building Exchange. All of the plans and buildings have been tested and approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.