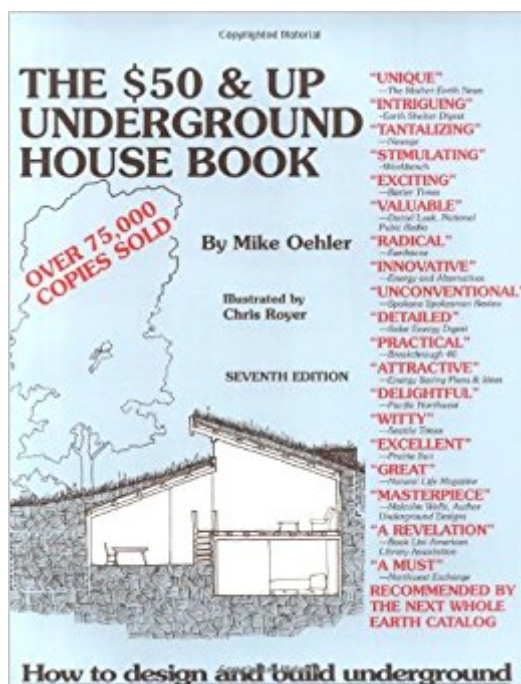


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You will need to work out a lot of details and concepts to actually build a house based on the ideas from this book. The book directs you to his video series for more information on building using his methods. Having said that this book does present a unique approach to building a house that is radically different from conventional houses. So that alone makes it worth reading and thinking about. His method is mostly geared to the do it yourself. Mike tells you that you will need to modify some of his materials and methods to meet your local building codes. So unless you are already an experienced professional engineer, I suspect that this book will mostly just help you give direction to your registered architect/engineer who is tasked with preparing plans for review by the local permit official. The pictures are mostly black and white plus are a little hard to make out. I needed to study

them a fair while to try and make out what was being shown.

As my wife and I look toward moving to our land this book gave me great insight into what could be done relatively cheap and stand strong. By using the ideas laid out in this book I can see not only how to do it on the cheap side but how it will last after 30+ years. I have often wanted to incorporate the idea of using the earth's warmth to help heat the house here in the cold Colorado mountains. By putting the place under ground it explores this wonderfully. I can't wait to start building next spring. I will warn you that if you're wanting to use some of these ideas in areas with heavy building codes you may have an uphill battle down at the permits department. To help with this there is a section of the book about dealing with building departments. It can be done, but it's easier if you're outside the areas with all the codes. It's not that this approach is sub-code but rather that it is a different approach to doing things than most inspectors are used to.

I really like the ideas the author shares about how an underground house should be made. I also like that it is based on experience rather than theory. It gives me the confidence to want to go out and try! What I don't so much like are all the quotes from Native Americans about the white man, I know the white men were terrible to the Native Americans, but I don't see what that has to do with building a house underground; it just spreads negative energy, which is unnecessary. Luckily, the quotes are very easy to ignore, so that is what I have done. Anyway, I am pretty sure this is a one of the kind book and if you are considering building a house underground, or just cheaply, or are just interested in the possibility of underground housing, it would certainly be worth reading!

Perfect guide. Has blueprints, layouts, suggestions, suggestions on problems, errors to look out for. EVERYTHING you could need. (Except cash and materials)

It's a wonderful window into the mind of a true, OG back-to-the-lander! It also tells you how to build a house in the ground.

This book is worth every dollar paid, a well-written book which covers a great deal of ground and is well-sourced, assembled, and delivers on its promises, (that's a rare find today)!

LOVE THIS BOOK! It is a great starter book to any DIYer who is interested in thinking about underground structures. I personally love the author's views on building in and with nature. This

book has inspired me to get out there and do it, and with the help of my family I will!

This is a good book if you want or need to build a very inexpensive house. Almost every decision is based on cost, which results in a house that is more 'back woods cabin', and not compliant with building codes. Might be good for a second home on remote property. Some good how to tips, but house design is not the book's strong point, and I found the writing style to be a bit dogmatic. Search the author's name on YouTube and look at what he builds and describes. You'll have a good sense if this type of construction and house is for you.

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