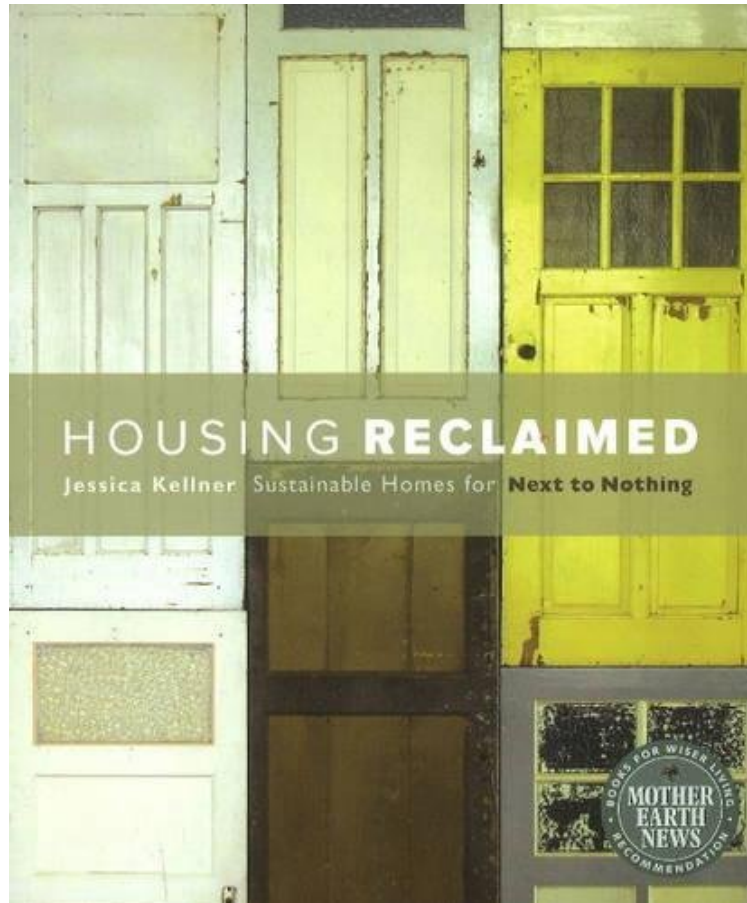


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**Jessica Kellner : Housing Reclaimed: Sustainable Homes for Next to Nothing** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Housing Reclaimed: Sustainable Homes for Next to Nothing:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Inspiration abounds! By Reader5 If you are looking for inspiration for building with reclaimed materials, look no further. From a hand-built rock outdoor fireplace to an office crafted from a grain bin (plus a sunken Japanese soaking tub built from reclaimed redwood), this book is full of great salvage ideas. Get excited about living smaller, re-purposing materials, doing construction yourself over time and living without a mortgage with this great resource. 34 of 40 people found the following review helpful. Probably not what you're looking for... By suzifire I have read numerous books on this subject thought this one sounded like a GREAT addition to my library.... NOT so much. I found that most of the sustainable home info was same old-same old... No How-to or unique new ideas. First chapter is a "look at me" chapter on "Guy Kay" ... followed by "A History Housing Finance" ... A whole chapter is dedicated to a "non-profit" group in NC (where I live have never even HEARD of them) that buys up houses that are going to be torn down renovates them. For those of us who are looking for terrific ideas on how to

build with salvage materials, this REALLY isn't what you want. I was very dissatisfied. If I were you, I wouldn't waste my money...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Resource!By XxJamesxXI love this book! Filled with inspirational homes and projects, as well as a big resource section organized by state.

Housing is a fundamental human right. For most of human history, our homes were built by hand from whatever local materials were available. However, since the Industrial Revolution, most housing has become little more than quickly constructed, mass-produced, uniform boxes. At the same time, the invention and standardization of the thirty-year mortgage and our ever-increasing reliance on credit has come to mean that most of us never own our homes outright. *Housing Reclaimed* is a call to arms for nonconventional home builders. It examines how technological advances, design evolution, and resourceful, out-of-the-box thinking about materials and efficiency can help us meet the challenge of building affordable, environmentally friendly, beautiful, and unique homes. Focusing on the use of salvaged and reclaimed materials, this inspirational volume is packed with case studies of innovative projects including: Phoenix Commotion working together towards low-income home ownership through sweat equity and 100 percent recycled materials; Habesha revitalizing neighborhoods by creating urban infill using modern technology and sustainable and reclaimed materials; Builders of Hope rescuing and rehabilitating whole houses slated for demolition. These projects and others like them demonstrate that building one's own home does not have to be an unattainable dream. This beautifully illustrated guide is a must-read for anyone interested in creating quality zero- or low-debt housing, reducing landfill waste, and creating stronger communities. Jessica Kellner is the editor of *Natural Home and Garden* magazine and a passionate advocate of using architectural salvage to create aesthetically beautiful, low-cost housing.

Jessica Kellner's book comes to us in the nick of time. We need a new, more enlightened approach to housing and this book provides the roadmap. *Housing Reclaimed* could put a whole generation on the path to comfortable, secure sustainability. Jessica has written a beautiful and necessary book that everyone who lives under a roof should read. Bryan Welch, Publisher, *Mother Earth News*, *Natural Home Garden* and the *Utne Reader* Author, *Beautiful Abundant: Creating the World We Want* In a time when so much of the news around housing is negative, Jessica Kellner offers an optimistic but practical approach to building a home mortgage free! Jessica proves that, with a little creativity and a willingness to step outside the constructs of modern housing, anyone can build a dream house. Robyn Griggs Lawrence Author, *Simply Imperfect: Revisiting the Wabi-Sabi House*