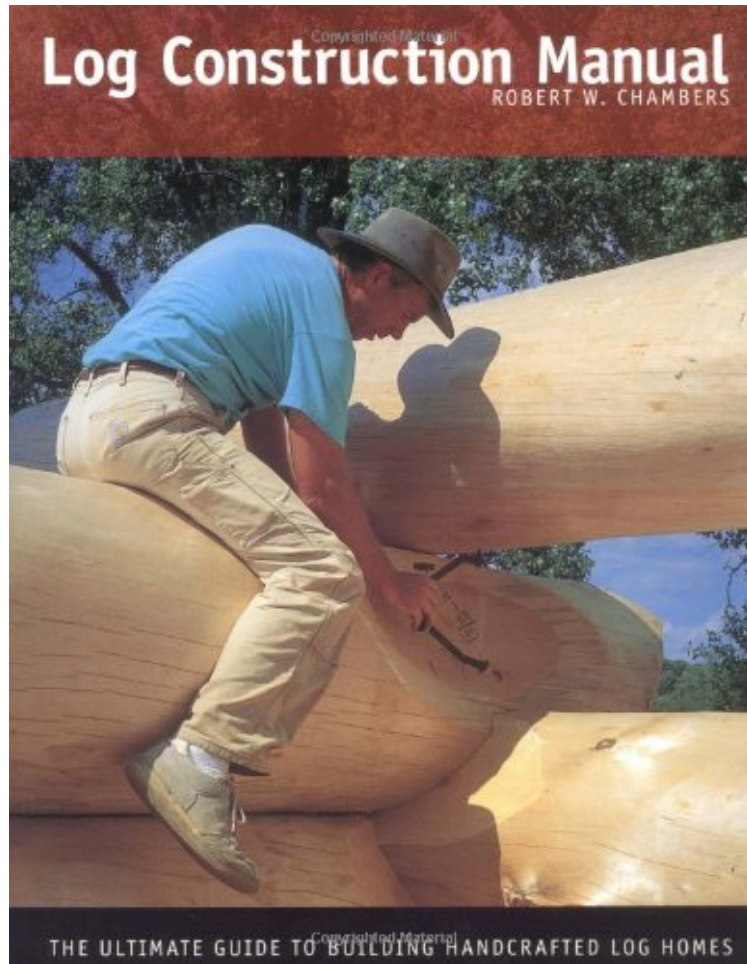


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above almost any other "how to" book I've ever read, regardless of subject. The text and pictures are well coordinated and easy to understand. I am traditionally one of those kind of people who do better with "hands on" experience, but this book gives you the confidence to at least understand the process and feel comfortable enough to actually do the project. The related reference list at the the end of the book is great, giving an honest appraisal of other books on the market, saving you money and time. The "tool" section is also an excellent resource list. Throughout the book Mr. Chambers refers to his "how to videos" and I believe at some point in the near future, I will be ordering those as well to compliment the text. If they are as clear and concise as the book, I will consider that a good investment as well. 78 of 79 people found the following review helpful. The State-of-the-Art By Empire Builder I just finished reading this book, and I have to say that it is head-and-shoulders above every other log home construction book I've read. The illustrations are superb, and the tone of the text is very objective and factual. In contrast to books with the "this is how I've been building log homes for XXX years" attitude, Chambers' approach is "I didn't invent it, but so far this is the best way I've found to do this particular task. If I find somebody else doing it a better way in the future I'll start doing it that way." Chambers not only isn't afraid of not-invented-here ideas, he positively embraces them! There is even a chapter on the structural engineering of log trusses, written by a structural engineer (fancy that). Chambers also covers the subject comprehensively, from the highest-level ideas (his chapter on settling is fascinating) to the lower-level details (proper chainsaw stance for cutting the lateral groove, for instance). Let me contrast this a bit with Mackie's "Owner-Built Log Home". Mackie's book is a good read, because he's a terrific wordsmith and he really conveys the pleasure of building your own log home. But his illustrations aren't nearly as clear as Chambers', and he tends to write for an audience that already understands a lot of wood joinery terminology and procedures. "Then we did this, and this, and this," and I'm like, "whoa, did you skip a few steps there?" I often found myself re-reading a page several times because I just couldn't envision what he was doing in my mind's eye. Chambers never leaves you wondering. I think both books have a place on your bookshelf, but if you really want to learn the most hands-on information in a single book, this is the one.

The Log Construction Manual tells you what you need to know to build your own handcrafted log home shell. This is a comprehensive and thorough guide to how to scribe-fit logs to each other, cut notches, and build roof support systems of large, round, naturally-shaped logs. The Log Construction Manual is packed with information that is available nowhere else including the Log Selection Rules, Chambers' brilliant and simple method for choosing which log to use next; detailed instructions for building handcrafted log roof trusses; step-by-step directions for laying out sill logs for any design or floor plan; how to cut state-of-the-art compression-fit saddle notches; methods to keep notches and grooves tight over time; allowing for settling and shrinkage of log walls; scribing tips that pro's use; and much more.

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