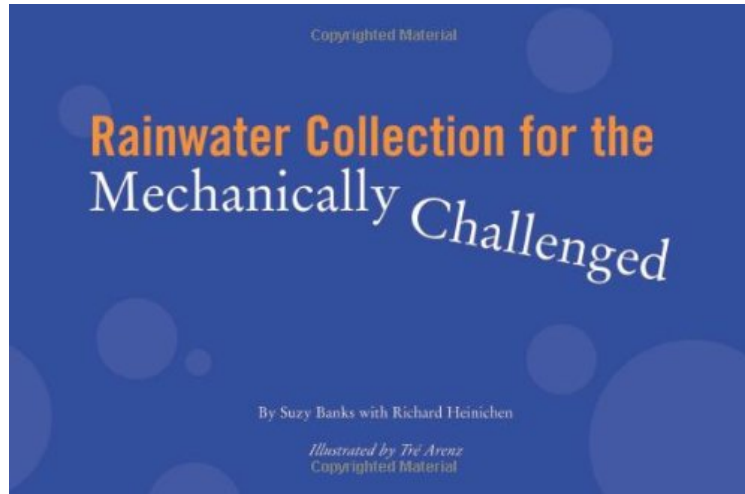


## Rainwater Collection for the Mechanically Challenged

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Helpful, Practical and concise! By MICHAEL BEGGSHoly cow, what a great book! An actual "how to" book rather than a technical manual for an engineer or hippie love-fest publication. This book delivers on what it promises and is very well-written. Great humor and the author(s) obviously are passionate about the subject. Unfortunately a lot of the other books on the subject are long on passion but short on the "how to" portions. This book is NOT. This is a must have for anyone looking to have a bit more water independence in the Southwest. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. the best book on the subject that i've read so far By hard bold eggs It is written for a specific area of the country, but it doesn't seem as though most of the info wouldn't apply to most anywhere if you do a little of your own research. For the most part, youre going to read what you need to know to go for it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By J. Hix Great book. Most everything you need to know!

This handbook is cute, funny and smart - smart enough to teach almost anyone how to install a personal rainwater collection system. It covers the entire works, from determining how much rainwater you'll need, to troubleshooting a problem pump, hanging gutters, the importance of check valves, how big a micron is, and how to disinfect your rainwater without the use of chemicals. Beautifully produced, it is packed with drawings and photographs to make rainwater harvesting a snap for the do-it-yourselfer. Suzy Banks writes for Texas Monthly Magazine and other publications. Richard Heinichen owns and operates Tank Town, which specializes in installing rainwater catchment systems.

Once in a while a resource comes along that clarifies the problems and presents solutions in such a way that you find yourself saying, Even I can make this work! Rainwater Collection for the Mechanically Challenged did it for me. -- Andy Gladish, Home Power News...the book manages to be both an educational and entertaining read. It is an

invaluable resource for someone who is seriously considering replacing or supplementing an existing well or public water supply. It does a nice job in helping one assess current water usage and estimating water requirements if one does decide to go off the grid. It details the pros and cons of different types of rainwater collection, filtration and purification systems and gives cost comparisons for each. Even for an apartment-dweller in the city such as myself, the book is still a page-turner. The sections about pumps, ultraviolet disinfection, turbulent flow, valves and gauges, and wiring took me back to my days as a high school Physics and Principles of Technology teacher. The informal and humorous (She ain't heavy, she's my cistern) writing style is also right up my alley. Good how-to books are ones that make the project seem do-able, even for those with little or no experience. The best how-to books also make you feel that, by reading the book, you are saving the time, expense, and frustration of mistakes you would have otherwise made. This book certainly has that feel. --Bob Swanson, *The Weather Guys*, USA Today It's not only the best book on the subject of rainwater collection we've ever found, it's funny enough for recreational reading, and comprehensive enough to painlessly lead a rank amateur through the process. --Real Goods/Gaiam About the Author Suzy Banks is a writer-at-large for *Texas Monthly Magazine* and frequent contributor to other regional and national publications. Together with Richard Heinichen, they operate Tank Town, a company specializing in the installation of rainwater catchment systems.