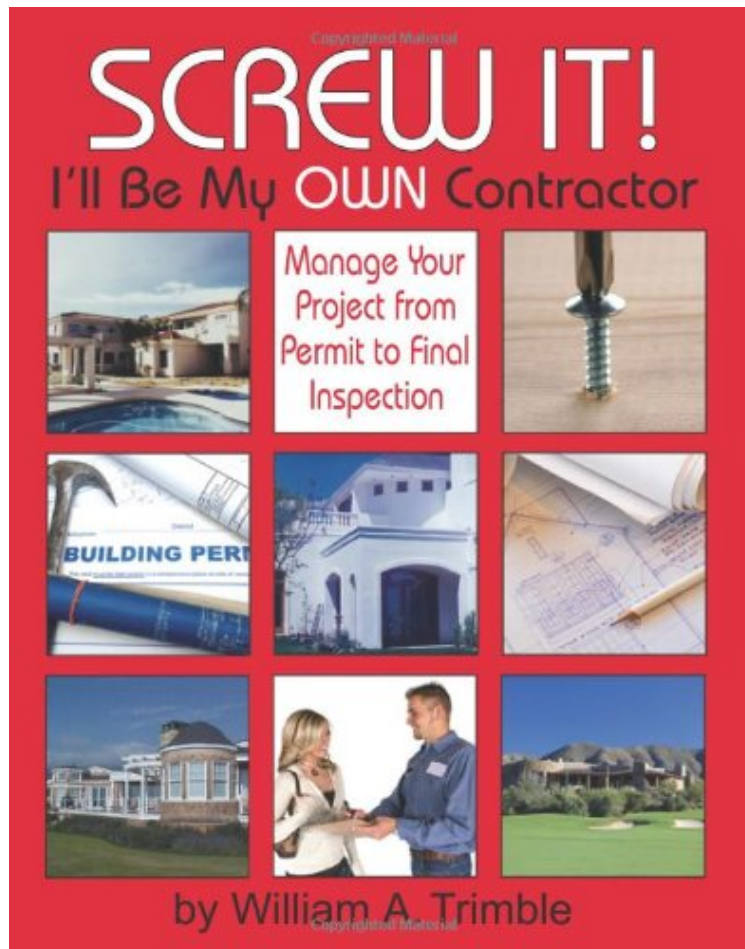


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About the Author Ask Bill Trimble what question has never been answered for him and he'll probably say he can't conceive of the concept of never-ending space. That's not surprising for someone who has had almost thirty years of experience in custom home construction, and deals with finite space on a daily basis. Among other things, Bill has worked as a hands-on builder, a superintendent, a project manager and a general contractor. He likes to be known as the answer man in his field. And he likes educating people who have a yen to build their own dream home, whether it's a vacation cabin or a permanent residence. In fact, while teaching classes for owner/builders, he got more students coming to him than he ever dreamed he would. His classes filled up with waiting lists. Many of his students urged him to write a book...and so he did. Bill's best advice to aspiring owner-builders is to learn how to manage what they are undertaking (it's not enough to know how to perform trade tasks), keep up communications with the subcontractors and pay careful attention to the schedule. And don't forget to have fun with their dream project!