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Annamarie Pluhar : Sharing Housing: A Guidebook for Finding and Keeping Good Housemates before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sharing Housing: A Guidebook for Finding and Keeping Good Housemates:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. This is a great book!By Elissa MeiningerThis is a great book. It's got

a million tips on how to rent rooms and so forth but, for me, there were two standouts that helped me immensely. First, Annamarie made a big point to say that grownups do better not living alone. This idea moved me from feeling that putting up living with another adult was just about needing to share expenses. It was about creating a real home. This was a big positive reason I'd never thought of before. I was also surprised to learn that home sharing is a growing trend. Second, after two disasters in selecting places to live, I realized that I'd been looking for real estate instead of looking for the right person. Once I shifted my focus and had at hand a list of topics Annamarie suggested going over with any prospective housemate, the decision was easy. My new housemate and I were delighted at finding so many values in common. Thanks, Annamarie. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A lot of interesting tips I would have never thought of. By Anne Masterson I have been contemplating getting a housemate as I have more house than I need in a market that still hasn't recovered. Although I haven't made a final decision, this book really opened my eyes to things I would have never thought of. Well worth the money if you are thinking about going this route. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nothing Much Helpful Here. By Mark Cinque The book carefully avoids the most critical issue: how to handle different health changes of the occupants. The book covers mostly boiler-plate stuff and, in my opinion, provides no significant guidance to the really important issues.

Finding the right housemate can feel like a gamble and incredibly risky. Annamarie Pluhar's book, *Sharing Housing*, reduces the risk by guiding the reader with a practical process, insights and tips. This book takes the reader from the initial idea, "Maybe I should have a housemate" to actually living with one. The author draws on her twenty-plus years of experience in living with former strangers, to present a clear process that will enable the reader to find the right housemate. Within the pages the reader will find: how to eliminate inappropriate people quickly and safely; how to write an ad; how to negotiate the details of living together; and what kind of background checks and references are helpful. The book continues with chapters on actually living together what to expect and how to manage. It's an easy-to-follow readable guide with stories and interviews. Worksheets for each step are included. The book contains a special chapter for single parents considering sharing housing. This book is an essential for anyone looking to have a housemate from temporary short-term housing to long-term committed intentional communities.

For the past sixty years, Americans have concentrated on building bigger houses farther apart from each other. It's been environmentally ruinous, and it's made us kind of lonely. Here's a good practical antidote! Bill McKibben, author of *Eaarth* --Bill McKibben This book is incredibly helpful to anyone thinking of living with housemates. It makes clear what works. Pluhar has the experience to make her teaching points in a completely practical and gentle way. She has taken a topic, which has great relevance in our world where sharing will have to become more usual, and made it lucid and readable. Bravo on a job well done! Jacqueline Olds, MD Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School Co-author of *The Lonely American: Drifting Apart in the 21st Century*. --Jacqueline Olds I think this book will become a must have in the years ahead as people want to or are forced to find ways to conserve resources, space, and emotional energy! Annette Leahy Maggitti Program Director, St. Ambrose Home Sharing --Annette Leahy Maggitti About the Author Annamarie Pluhar is a consultant with expertise in group dynamics, interpersonal relations, and instructional design. Living in shared housing for over 20 years, she has developed a practical process for selecting and keeping good housemates. Her blog, www.sharinghousing.com, a companion to this book, contains commentary, additional tools and discussion options for home sharers everywhere. She lives in Dummerston, Vermont with one two-legged and two four-legged housemates.