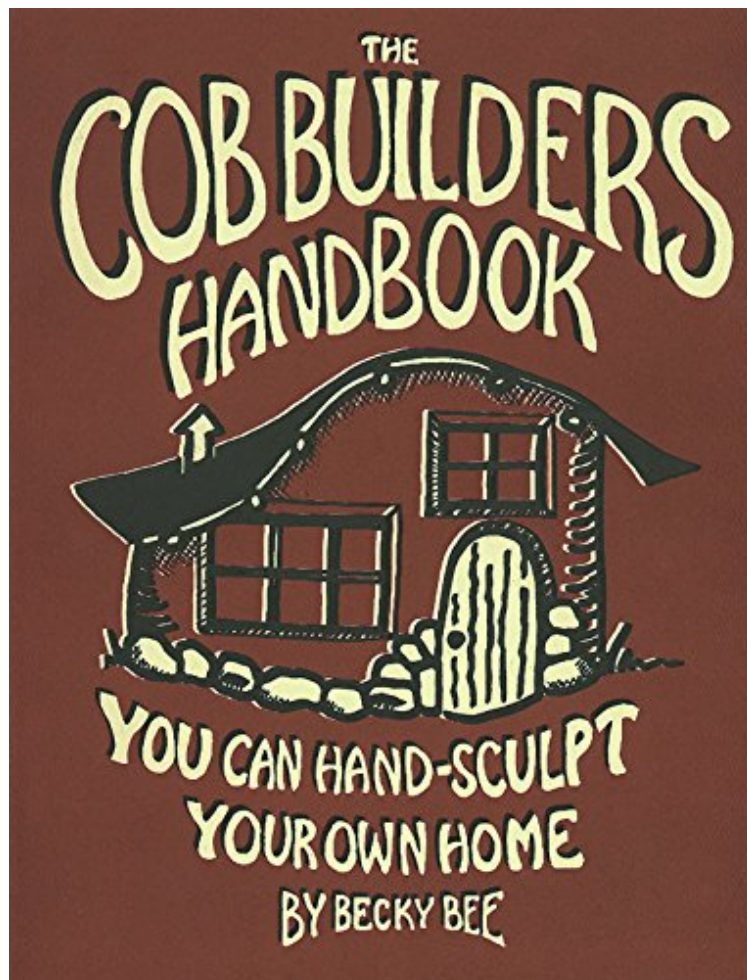


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The Cob Builder's HandbookBy Bob R.I found Becky Bee's book to contain quite a lot of useful information but also to be unabashedly lacking in information on certain subjects. At times her book reads like a transcript of conversations she had with enrollees in a workshop she conducted. There are too many times in the book where a vagueness is found where direction is expected. It may be the nature of building with cob that it is almost true that no matter which of ten ways you do it it comes out fine but I found it unsettling to read over and over you can do this or that. All in all though, I learned from this book. I don't think I will use it as my sole

guide to building anything beyond simple wall etc. for now. As has been mentioned, there are more technical aspects to cover. BB is more touchy, feely, New Agey for me but she still conveyed a lot of useful info. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Book on Cob Building. By Brenda Nelms This book is interesting and provides basic cob building techniques along with ideas and suggestions to give it a try for yourself. It is a fascinating read and should inspire the reader to broaden their understanding of an alternative house building technique as well as the desire to learn even more. It arrived before the est, shipping date, well wrapped and I wouldn't hesitate to purchase from this shipper again! Worth the time and money! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. very interesting. the book itself reminds me of the "hippy era" By Rikard de Caterick The book very much encourages a hands-on approach. Has a slight feel of the 70's about it, but is informative. I would have liked it to cover more information on extreme climates, and/or rain. i know some have been built in coastal areas and I'd like to know more about possible rain damage....which I felt wasn't well covered. Also, in the interior where my brother lives, temperatures normally get lower than -40°C, and I wonder how well cob would deal with such low temps. I would think that extra insulation might be required, but how that would be managed wasn't really covered. Still, I did enjoy the book, the material was well written and the author would seem to know a lot about this building method. A very real alternative to obtaining a mortgage and going into debt, just to have some place to hang your hat. Well done

Cob (an old English word for lump) is old-fashioned concrete, made out of a mixture of clay, sand, and straw. Becky Bee's manual is a friendly guide to making your own earth structure, with chapters on design, foundations, floors, windows and doors, finishes, and of course, making glorious cob. "I believe that building with cob is a way to recreate community and experience the joy of working together while taking back the right to build our own homes and look after our Mother Earth." She loves doing something that makes sense in a world where lots of things don't.

About the Author Becky Bee has built natural structures in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Central America, and Samoa. Her company Groundworks, has been at the forefront of the cob revival: building, teaching workshops, and hosting natural building symposiums.