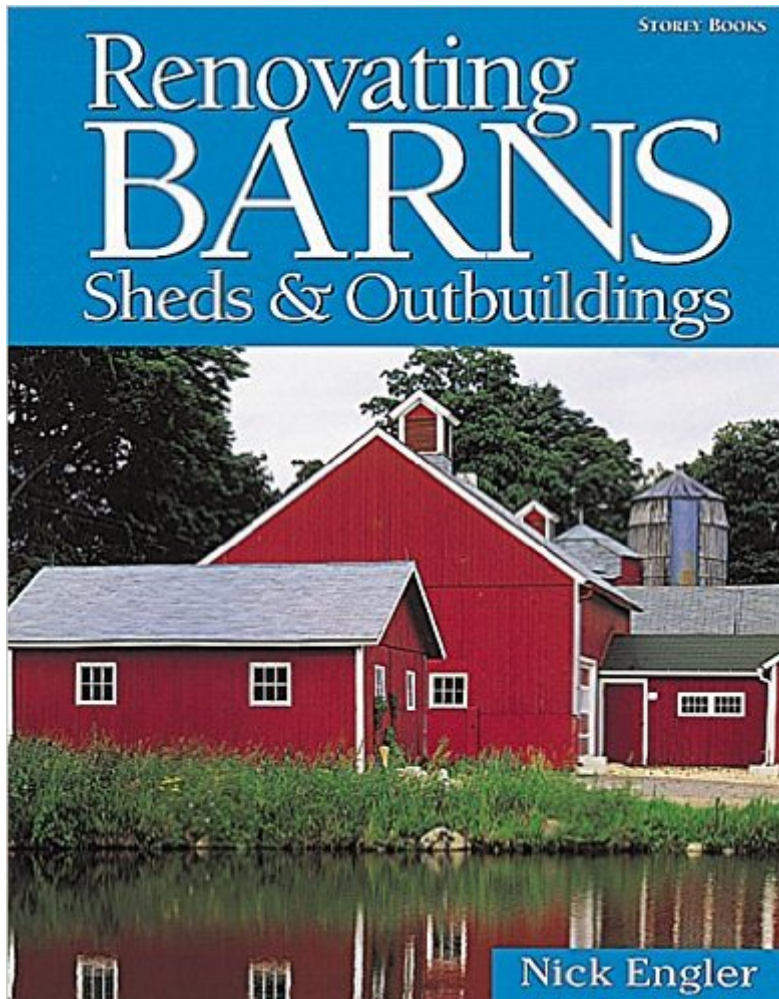


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# Renovating Barns, Sheds & Outbuildings



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Preserve history and save money by renovating, rather than replacing, old barns, sheds, and outbuildings. This practical guide shows you how to accurately evaluate a barn's condition and execute whatever necessary repairs are needed. Offering clear step-by-step instructions for squaring up and strengthening the structure, restoring or replacing the roofing and siding, installing new windows and doors, and even adding electricity and plumbing, Nick Engler will inspire you to give your outbuildings a fabulous and functional new life.

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## Customer Reviews

It's easy to say that this is the best book on renovating barns - it's the only one that I know of. But, this book is very, very good. I'm lucky enough to be able to spend much of my time designing new barns and helping clients restore old ones. I'm amazed and embarrassed by how much I learned from this book. Nick Engler presents a good primer on barn design, and then goes to work, explaining in detail how to repair each and every common problem with old barns. If your barn is leaning, if the stone foundation is buckled, if your pole-barn posts are rotting, if your timbers have splintered, if your roof sways, you'll learn what to do to fix the problem and to keep it from happening again.

if you are looking for good, solid, usable information on restoring old barns and the mechanics of

their structure, this book is the bible on it. quite detailed and good instructions. the author doesn't just tell you it can be done, but how to do it as well. this book won't help trendy city folk, with no building skills, pick out carpet samples for turning a barn into a home, but it is the number one resource on the structure of barns and making them solid and usable again before changing their purpose. I highly recommend this book.

Not practical as a means of planning to tear down a barn (or even renovate). This book is more instructive in "whats possible" as opposed to "how to". After reading this book I hired someone to take the barn down - and i kept some beams and boards to hopefully one day make furniture out of.

Nicely laid out, well written, and enjoyable to read. The book covers a lot of territory, but the scope is limited. I give it five stars because it is a good book and deserves that rating, but...I have a 40 year-old horse barn that I'm getting ready to renovate, and most of what I'm going to be doing isn't covered in this book--but I guess that should be expected.

I am really enjoying this book as a guide to renovating my barn. It offers a nice smattering of background information about different barn styles and the history of each. It also has a fine respect for old buildings, which is refreshing in this disposable age. Instead of encouraging the reader to tear down old buildings, this book seeks to find answers to the structural problems one might face in his or her own rebuilding project. Of course, the book acknowledges that some buildings would be too far-gone to save, but the focus is on solving problems rather than eliminating them through demolition. There are many detailed pictures, and the book is laid out in a way that makes it easy to use for reference.

I never write reviews, but this book deserves one. I read Donald's review and thought to myself "That describes every phase of the project I'll be taking on at my own barn". So I picked up the book, read/studied all 240 pages over a weekend, and took my original project plan and enhanced it in multiple ways. You can piece this information together with hours and hours of research (that's what I had been doing up until this point), or you can get this book. Clear explanations, excellent illustrations, and Nick Engler's writing style is just generally easy/fast to read.

I had high expectations when I came across this title. Unfortunately I was quite disappointed. My education is Civil Engineering. I've been general contractor for a number of years as well and am

familiar with many aspects of residential construction. I was hoping this book could help me renovate some old farm buildings under my care. I found the book to be light reading. The content focuses on generalities and fails to delve into actual old building renovation. Very little here about foundations, nothing about old lime mortar construction and little help regarding timber frame construction. Nothing about powder post beetles, really nothing useful about evaluating and repairing old barns in general. Sorry to be harsh, I know many of the reviews were very positive...I'm not sure why...there is still a need for a book that comprehensively covers old farm building restoration...this one is not it.

I had to rebuild a wall in my 1920's garage. I turned to this book, and learned an incredible amount, about how to restore/rebuild an older structure. It gave real-world advice on how rehabbing an old building, is a whole different world from new construction practices. It is really an invaluable read!

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