

Synopsis

The Basics of Permaculture Design, first published in Australia in 1996, is an excellent introduction to the principles of permaculture, design processes, and the tools needed for designing sustainable gardens, farms, and larger communities. Packed with useful tips, clear illustrations, and a wealth of experience, it guides you through designs for gardens, urban and rural properties, water harvesting systems, animal systems, permaculture in small spaces like balconies and patios, farms, schools, and ecovillages. This is both a do-it-yourself guide for the enthusiast and a useful reference for permaculture designers.

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Customer Reviews

A clear, readable guide and a useful tool for effective action. David Holmgren

Ross Mars is an experienced permaculture teacher, designer and consultant. He is a qualified high school teacher and has been actively involved in permaculture education in schools. He is the author of the well known text *The Basics of Permaculture Design* and has also produced an educational video on energy efficient housing called *Passive Solar Design of Buildings*. David Holmgren is best known as the co-originator with Bill Mollison of the permaculture concept following the publication of *Permaculture One* in 1978. Since then he has written several more books, developed three properties using permaculture principles, conducted workshops and courses in Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Japan. Within the growing and international permaculture

movement, David is respected for his commitment to presenting permaculture ideas through practical projects and teaching by personal example, that a sustainable lifestyle is a realistic, attractive and powerful alternative to dependent consumerism. As well as constant involvement in the practical side of permaculture, David is passionate about the philosophical and conceptual foundations for sustainability, which he explored in *Future Scenarios: How Communities Can Adapt to Peak Oil and Climate Change* (2009), and *Permaculture: Principles and Pathways Beyond Sustainability* (2003). With an increasingly high profile as a public speaker, David Holmgren provides leadership with his refreshing and unorthodox approach to the environmental issues of our time. David lives with his partner Su Dennett and their son Oliver at "Melliodora", a one-hectare permaculture demonstration site at Hepburn Springs, Central Victoria, Australia. Visit his web site at www.holmgren.com.au.

The processing was very good.

learning to work with the land rather than to exploit it..

Clear and concise and packed with insight. Great read for beginners and experts. Designers rejoice. This is your book of the day.

I very much appreciated this book. What put me in a place of respect for it was its' dialogue on misconceptions and some lack of practicality that people who are attracted to permaculture approach with, and so that can be associated with permaculture. There is some thoroughness in this book and I feel it was very much worth the purchase as a designer.

This was the ideal introduction I needed to talk some what intelligently about the back-in-vogue topic of permaculture. The book is written very well as a quick reference guide particularly considering the breadth of the subject matter.

I like it is easy to understand and is clear on how to accomplish your design.

Ross Mars does approach the subject from an assumption of complete ignorance from his readers, so he doesn't write over anyone's head- which is good, but it really seems a bit redundant to write yet another introduction to permaculture. not a bad book, but you might as well spend your money

on something a little less superficial. (ie. Mollison's books; even Rosemary Morrow is a bit more thorough)

I was really surprised with this book. Actually, I bought it blindly, with no recommendations. When I read it, I felt relieved to see that it was so well written, with excellent theory and beautiful and clear drawings. The writer says his opinions, which went very well with what I already believed. Sustainability and Respect with yourself and nature is what this book brings. Permaculture and Agroecology is the cure to our world.

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