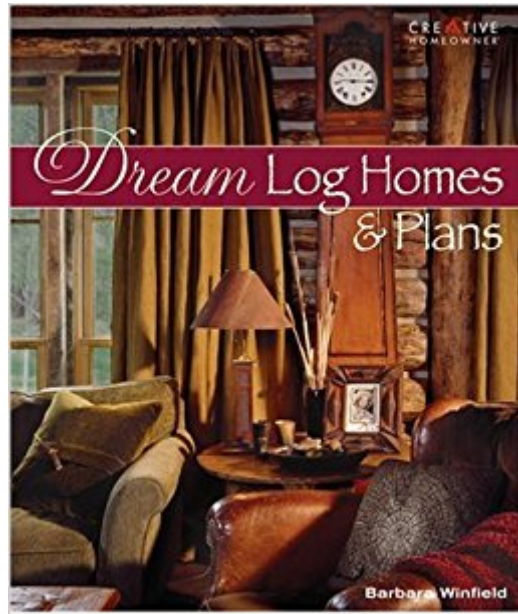




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This book is great. It has some really good information for those considering a log home. It also has some really beautiful photos and floor plans. On one of the featured homes in the book (my fav) the author included the name of the company who designed it, so I was able to contact them right away. It is def worth a look. I would not pay over \$30 for it tho. You can find it cheaper. I say that b/c I say some that had it for way high prices. No way. It is a paperback.

This book presents both factual information and professional quality photos, so you learn about log home construction, get some good finishing ideas and are entertained all at the same time. The book is very reasonably priced for its size and 450 page length. As a log home owner myself, I strongly agree with one of the important points it makes about the need for extended roof overhangs to protect the logs from weather. I would emphasize this more by having additional pictures. As it is, only a single sentence mentions it, as a side note. The log homes depicted in this book were mostly custom made and expensive to build in material and contractors. However, some of us can only afford to buy a log home kit and we would have to modify the seller's blueprints and add the overhangs or extend the roof, all as an extra expense. Another important topic, that is missing altogether, could be another whole chapter on log home restoration techniques. Realistically, I understand though, why this was not done. Pictures of tearing out log walls with dry rot, bug infestations, window damage due to shrinking logs, etc., would not fit in well with the professionally staged interior photos and the concept of selling the "Log Home Dream". If those topics were to be included, then this would be the comprehensive log home guide. As it is, it presents a pretty picture but comes up short on what a log home buyer or log home owner really needs to know.

Very nice that some floor plans are included....sometimes we need a starting point before we can design what will meet our individual wants and needs. Mostly I enjoy looking at how other log home owners have furnished their places whether it's a full-time residence or a weekend/vacation getaway. Although I'd never, ever hang a crystal chandelier in one of my log homes....that is nothing

compared to the thousand great ideas (some I've already used). I certainly have come a long way from the 650sf 3 room, uninsulated camp my family had in northern Maine in the 50s & 60s. Small as it was, my brother, sister, cousins, and the adults enjoyed every minute we spent there which probably explains why having my own log home means so much to me. Being the sentimentalist that I am, I dismantled that original little camp and moved it to my new property. We raised it up off the ground, added a foundation, insulation and indoor plumbing. We use it to change in/out of our swimsuits during the summer and it is frequently a destination point in the winter when we are snowmobiling.

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