

reading it, the consumer is learning 100% more than most know when that first purchase is made.

The Fannie Mae Guide to Buying, Financing, and Selling Your Home. Mencher, Melvin, editor. (Garden City, New York: Dolphin Books, Doubleday & Co., Inc.) 1973. 315 pages, \$3.95 paper.

Written as separate news articles with separate authors noted; table of contents serves as index giving synopses of each article coverage. Beyond the usual coverage: home improvements, interior decorating and landscaping, home repairs, fair housing, housing counseling. Appendices: lists of organizations in housing and home financing, and HUD-approved homeownership counseling agencies. Glossary.

Your Home: Building, Buying, Financing. Meyers, L. Donald, and Demske, Richard. (Reston, Virginia: Reston Publishing Co., Inc.) 1975. 331 pages, \$12.95 cloth.

General, but extensive coverage; beyond the usual: mobile homes (written before new federal standards, however), dome homes, urban homesteading, condominium, second homes, mention of safety, environment and energy, HOW program (although not mentioned by name), moving, selling it yourself. Includes short checklists: house, lot and neighborhood; do-it-yourself; home repair. List of stock plan sources plus 60 pages of popular stock plans. Conversational tone, easily read with humor, cartoons, photographs, glossary, and index. Some errors noted in specifics (Federal Housing Authority, FmHA in towns of 2,500 or less, etc.), but generally correct.

How To Buy Real Estate: Profits and Pitfalls. Newman, Joseph, editor. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. News & World Report Books) Fourth Printing, Revised 1976. 225 pages, \$7.95 cloth.

Over half of book deals with real estate as an investment; remainder on buying real estate as a home. Beyond the usual: vacation homes for fun and investment. Also written as news articles, easily read, many tables, some photographs, human interest elements, index, and glossary.

"Financing The Home," Small Homes Council/Building Research Council. Council Notes, Circular A1.3. (Urbana/Champaign: University of Illinois, SHC/BRC) Summer 1976. 12 pages, \$.25.

Update of earlier circular. Uses some examples to show financing details. Fairly timeless. Beyond the usual: condominium, cooperative, variable rate mortgages, FmHA, loan assumptions.

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Contract Carpeting. Lila Shoshkes. Whitney Library of Design, an imprint of Watson-Guptill Publications. New York. 1974.

This book was written for the interior design professional who wants to know more about the "whys" of contract carpeting. It is well organized, easy to read and understand, and discusses the main aspects of the subject.

The author is a practicing interior designer who uses her knowledge and experience in explaining carpet construction and performance, and walks the reader through several installation evaluations. The discussion of components of a specification reinforces the importance of gauge, rows per inch, face weight, and pile height.

The illustrations of textures can help the reader see why some textures may wear better than others. Static-control, flammability, maintenance, and other factors relating to performance are explained and presented in layman's terms, and the glossary provided by the author defines many familiar and unfamiliar terms.

One section of the book deals with evaluation of existing installations. Hospitals, airports, schools, and banks are examined in terms of their particular physical and psychological needs. The relative success of each and knowledge gained from each are noted, and conclusions and recommendations made.

Although assistance was received from several major carpet mills and representatives, the book is an objective look at the current status of contract carpet. Many tables and illustrations aid in the application of the material to real situations. The book would be particularly useful to architects and interior designers involved with materials specifications, and can be an asset as a reference text for university courses.

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Management and Control of Growth. Urban Land Institute, Randall W. Scott, Editor. Washington, D.C. 1975. 1800+ pages, 3 volumes. \$22.50 paper + \$1.25 postage. Available from ULI, 1200 18th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

This 3-volume anthology with both original and reprinted works by over 140 authors, sponsored by the Urban Land Institute and assisted by a research grant from HUD, provides background resources/reference materials (current through 1974) useful to practicing professionals, elected officials, academicians, and other citizens concerned about the issues involved in the management of growth. Each volume begins with a brief introduction outlining its own contents and its relationship to the other two in the set. Each of the total of 20 chapters is also prefaced with an article-by-article description and comment which guides the reader to those items of greatest interest by explaining the themes developed in that chapter and the central ideas of the various articles. Footnotes cross-reference individual articles and chapters.

Volume I begins with an Executive Summary and deals with the rapidly changing attitudes

toward economic, population, housing, growth/production issues including an examination of "no-growth" and of "managed growth" as critical planning and land use management alternatives. Summaries of several major national reports are incorporated. Included are critiques and commentaries on the limits to growth: problems, pitfalls, and research needs. There is a focus on and an overview of traditional zoning powers and techniques, the taking issue, and the windfalls for wipeouts proposals.

Volume II examines a number of complex issues regarding phased growth, including several major court battles such as "Ramapo" and "Petaluma." Many of the available tools and methods for controlling growth, i.e. interim zoning, phasing of capital facilities, development moratoria, etc. are examined. Nationwide surveys by planners, local and state administrators, attorneys, and practitioners on a wide variety of case experiences and techniques in growth management are presented. This volume concludes with an extensive examination of the problem and methodologies of fiscal impact analysis.

Volume III includes authoritative overviews of such land use innovations as Transfer of Development Rights, land banking, Planned Unit Developments, agricultural districting/differential tax assessment/open space preservation, Environmental Impact Statements, carrying capacity analysis, and growth control on the urban fringe. Other chapters examine the influence of federal and state laws on growth patterns, including EPA regulations, the role of the state housing programs, and a survey of state land use laws. It concludes with a 40-page growth management bibliography.

Editor's note: This set could keep you reading for months and looks like an absolute necessity for any reference library and well worth the investment for a personal library.

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