

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.