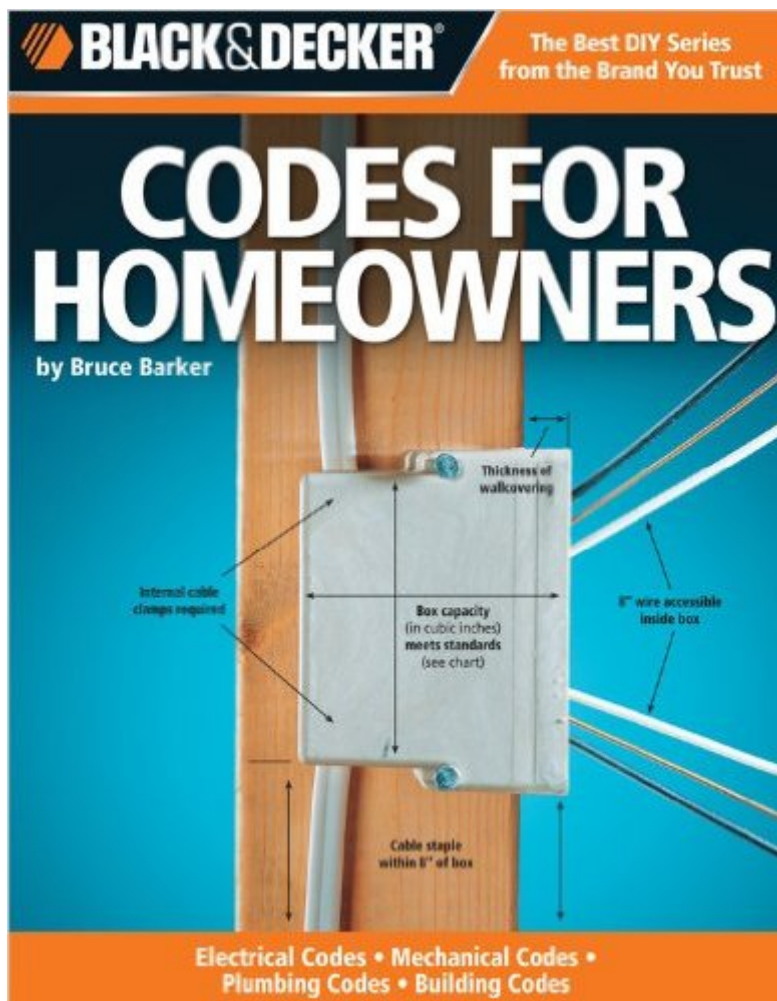


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Synopsis

Codes are a fact of life for do-it-yourselfers, but getting good information on codes can be a nightmare. Anyone who has ever opened a code book (or even a code interpretation book) looking for the answer to a building, wiring or plumbing question has found the same thing: a lot of arcane, technical words and cross-referencing, pages of meaningless charts, but no information that make sense. Codes for Homeowners combines decades of experience by author and IRC-certified home inspector Bruce Barker with Creative Publishing's famous studio photography, and the result is the first truly clear and easy to use codes reference book for homeowners and tradesmen alike. Current with 2009 International Residential Code (IRC).

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Customer Reviews

I have a very old house and find myself crossing over all areas of maintenance. I am not a professional electrician, plumber or contractor; but I am confident in my skills and comfortable with taking on most tasks. Having a multi-subject guidebook to check the codes and proper configurations is indispensable. Swapping out a 40-60 year old 3-way light outlet, and all the switches, to a 4-way configuration is not something I do every day. This book provides great guidance and excellent drawings of every configuration I needed in my home.

I'm a homeowner and an engineer... I do work around my house (wiring, electrical, woodworking, etc) and consider myself fairly knowledgeable as a handyman. I'm confident that I do things safely, but what I don't always know are the standards... how high should this plug be mounted? What is the proper railing height for a stairwell? Another tip I found - you can replace an ungrounded outlet with a GFCI in order to get some protection against shorts. Never knew that. There is a ton of good information here. I'd recommend any homeowner that does projects around the house pick one of these up. Or even if you don't do projects yourself... this is a good reference book so you can check the work of contractors you hire. YOU need to be knowledgeable to make sure they don't screw up your house.

this is a very informative book that will keep the handyman out of trouble, it quickly skims over the most common codes that a homeowner would run into. It is not very complete but that is to be expected. if it were an in depth book of all the codes it would need to be 100 times the size. I am a contractor and refer back to this book all the times on areas I don't normally deal with.

I found this book actually more helpful than the Stanley line of books. I think the Stanley Electrical and Plumbing books cover more, in more detail, but this book has page after page of what is safe/code, and what isn't. It doesn't have every single Code listed out of the IBC/IEBC, IEC...but it does list a large amount and the important ones for most all DIY's and even the homeowner who doesn't DIY, but has a contractor do their work, this will give them some knowledge when they do talk to their contractor. The only thing I have to complain about, as with B&D Home repair book is the lack of depth they go into on Home HVAC systems, They go into installing all new electrical, Plumbing, but kinda skim on the HVAC system of a home, they don't tell you how to even figure out if your current HVAC system can actually support the square footage of your home. It does cover basic maint, and some minor repair, but I would've liked to see more as in how to properly size ducting, proper venting/air intake requirements..etc But all in all it's a great book, quick and easy to look up spec for something you may be doing and need to know the min requirements, or how you should go about something. perfect for a DIY'er

Illustrations are nice, but the book is more of a general overview than a detailed description of building codes. However, it covers enough topics to be useful in most situations, and describes the importance of working with inspectors and code enforcement. Recommended for light DIYers with limited knowledge, or even as a reference for individuals looking to purchase a home.

Pretty good book for those wanting to lose sleep at night. Read the book, look through your house and realize how many code violations you can find. It was a great purchase to help me get my house ready for sale, but the code book might need updating. It is great for homeowners, but pros need to stick to the long form book of codes.

Codes for has many codes for homeowners in this book. There are codes for building that are illustrated which are valuable when you are building a house. Then there are plumbing codes to follow when you are doing a plumbing remodel in your home. There are electrical codes which are very helpful for doing an electrical job on your house inside or outside receptacles. There are heating and cooling codes in this book also. This book is well illustrated for the homeowner so you can see the right way to do the job. I was in the process of an electrical update so the part on electrical codes is why I bought this book. This was very helpful while I was doing my project of adding lights and receptacles. I would recommend this book to anyone!! Better to do it right now than have problems later!!

I do disaster recovery work and help people put their homes back together. This book is a must since you have to be aware of codes in all areas before you start slapping things in. Otherwise you're liable to get something done and then have to rip it out again when a building code person comes in for inspection.

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