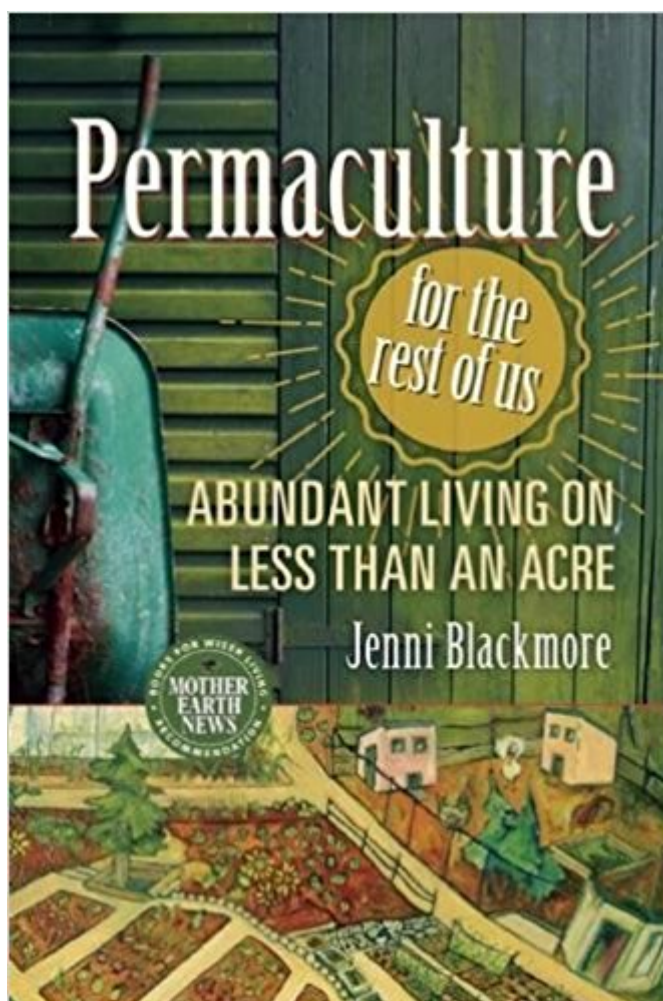


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Permaculture For The Rest Of Us: Abundant Living On Less Than An Acre



Synopsis

Many of us want to increase our self-sufficiency, but few have access to the ideal five sunny, gently sloping acres of rich, loamy, well-drained soil. Jenni Blackmore presents a highly entertaining, personal account of how permaculture can be practiced in adverse conditions, allowing anyone to learn to live more sustainably in a less-than-perfect world. With a rallying cry of "If we can do it, you can too," she distills the wisdom of twenty years of trial and error into a valuable teaching tool. The perfect antidote to dense, high-level technical manuals, *Permaculture for the Rest of Us* presents the fundamental principles of this sometimes confusing concept in a humorous, reader-friendly way. Each chapter focuses on a specific method or technique, interspersing straightforward explanations with the author's own experiences. Learn how to successfully retrofit even the smallest homestead using skills such as: No-till vs. till gardening, composting, and soil-building Natural pest control and integrating small livestock Basic greenhouse construction Harvesting, preservation, and more Ideal for urban dreamers, suburbanites and country-dwellers alike, this inspirational and instructional "encouragement manual" is packed with vibrant photographs documenting the author's journey from adversity to abundance. Jenni Blackmore is a farmer, artist, writer and certified Permaculture Design Consultant who built her house on a rocky, windswept island off the coast of Nova Scotia almost twenty-five years ago and has been stumbling along the road to self-sufficient living ever since. A successful micro-farmer, she produces most of her family's meat, eggs, fruit, and vegetables, in spite of often-challenging conditions.

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Customer Reviews

Publishers Weekly, October 2015(Blackmore's) book is both a manual and a memoir, using her experiences as a springboard to explain permaculture how-tos and how-not-tos. Blackmore's take on permaculture, the concepts of which were developed in Australia, is decidedly Northern. Anyone envying typical descriptions of lush, fertile land and perfect climates will be heartened by Blackmore's story. She discusses vegetable timetables, ways to create different growing conditions, keeping weeds at bay, dirt building, heat and cold tolerance of plants, greenhouses, "lasagna gardening," and more. She also imparts her knowledge on raising chickens, turkeys, ducks, and rabbits. Her advice is perfect for the beginning and aspiring permaculturist: non-threatening, clear, and told from a charming personal perspective. Permaculture is personal journey to a more sustainable, earth regenerating lifestyle. In *Permaculture for the Rest of Us*, Jenni Blackmore skillfully weaves a thorough explanation of permaculture principles and practices into her own story of returning to the land. With wit and charm she draws on her experiences homesteading in a challenging climate. She deftly illustrates how she and her family have truly created abundance while embracing the natural world around them. The result is a wealth of information, advice and inspiration.---

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guide to self-sufficiency. I am not sure if this book is more useful in the magazine rack, next to the almanac where I can pick it up and gather some nuggets of knowledge that will make me a better gardener, or next to my fat, cushioned reading chair where I enjoy a good story. We need a special category for this book.---Mark Cullen markcullen.com For most, permaculture can seem like a complex philosophy too daunting to make part of our everyday reality. In *Permaculture for the Rest of Us*, Jenni Blackmore masterfully distills the concepts and principles of permaculture in such a way that the reader is convinced to put theory into practice. Both optimistic and realistic, *Permaculture for the Rest of Us* is a rare combination that provides both the how and why of creating a simpler life while fostering a deeper connection with nature, with the Earth, and with each other.---Av Singh, Just Us! Centre for Small Farms

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about greener, more sustainable lifestyles, Mother Earth News is recommending select New Society Publishers books to its readers. This book is one of them.

This book is an absolute treasure. I am currently going to school to earn my permaculture design certificate. At the moment, I am deeply buried in zones and sectors, which are amazing, and yet overwhelming concepts. Jenni's book is the first of its' kind. It is lighthearted and informative and yet presents the concept of permaculture in a way that will be interesting to permaculture novices and experts alike. I will be recommending this book to my classmates and buying more copies as gifts.

Permaculture for the Rest of Us is a practical reflection in which the author opens up to the rest of us what it means to be in a state of active, authentic, inquiry into how to be more self-sufficient and the role that permaculture gardening plays in that inquiry. The book is not a step by step how to guide; but more of a Beat novel that shares a slice of life and drops some good tips to pick up along the way. A lot of these tips are more relevant to those living in more northerly climes than I do, but the principles from which they are derived are generally true (dealing with grass through sheet mulching excepted). This is a great "let's get real" book that explores what a dedicated commoner experiences as she discovers the joys and frustrations of digging down into a life of increased sustainability and resilience. The basic message is - start, start smallish, keep at it, you will fail at some things and succeed at others, the some and others will flip, keep at it, keep learning, and in so doing you'll keep getting better and finding your own permacultural style. And by all means, don't let guilt and shame get in the way. I recommend it as just the thing to read in February (though September would be smarter) as you look out on the winter yard and imagine a farm of your own.

As one gardener's story this is a fine one. I wish I had known ahead of time that she was such a beginner that she didn't know some seeds needed cool and others, warm temps for germination. That would have clued me that the gardening expertise and good ideas I could use, weren't going to be significant aspects.

I enjoyed the book. The author had a lot of descriptive answers on ways she handed things on the Farm. She correctly pointed out, farming, when done with the lands best interest at heart, is not an easy feat. I enjoyed the information presented enough, that I shared the book with several friends. They too made improvements in the way their farms are being worked.

Interesting book

Very enjoyable and I am learning a lot.

great book, great service

Fun read.

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