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The popularity of natural building has grown by leaps and bounds, spurred by a grassroots desire for housing that is healthy, affordable, and environmentally responsible. While there are many books available on specific methods such as straw-bale construction, cob, or timber framing, there are few resources which introduce the reader to the entire scope of this burgeoning field.

Fully revised and updated, *The Art of Natural Building* is the complete *and* user-friendly introduction to natural building for everyone from the do-it-yourselfer to architects and designers. This collection of articles from over fifty leaders in the field is now stunningly illustrated with over two-hundred full-color photographs of natural buildings from around the world. Learn about:

- The case for building with natural materials, from the perspectives of sustainability, lifestyle, and health
- What you need to know to plan and design your own beautiful and efficient natural home
- Explanations of thirty versatile materials and techniques, with resources on where to go for further information on each
- How these techniques are being used to address housing crises around the world.

Clearly written, logically organized, and beautifully illustrated, *The Art of Natural Building* is the encyclopedia of natural building.

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