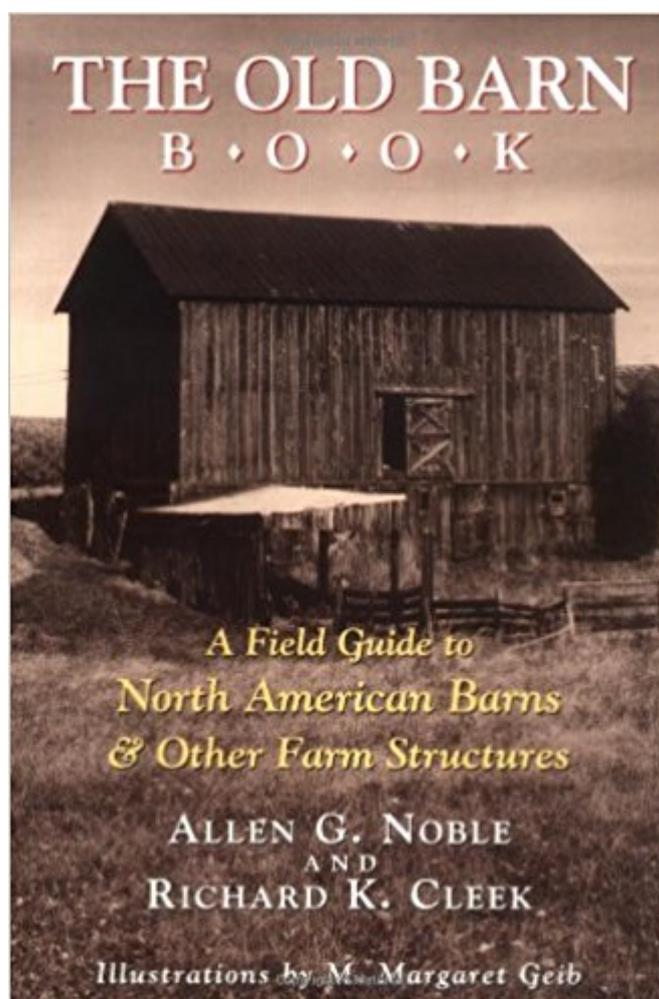


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Synopsis

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While the book presents numerous types of agricultural buildings from all over the U.S., it doesn't go into any sort of detail about any of them, making it of limited reference use.

For what I wanted the book for it is a fantastic resource. I build model barns and covered bridges. This book has not only given me new ideas but also a history behind them. Love the book.

This field guide has what I consider to be so-so black and white photos and drawings of each type of barn and supporting structures. If you are looking for accurate information on a style of barn and where it may be located this is the book for you. I would prefer better quality photos and some color. Rather boring presentation!

This book is a must-have for architectural historians working with agricultural buildings. The book contains a wealth of information regarding farm structures of all types. It's a fascinating read for anyone interested in old buildings and old building techniques.

A very good textual description on different types of barns. The pictures could be a little better but overall a very good reference to use when identifying barns from our past. More information could have been used for the SE (Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina). Not much in the way of competition that I've seen so I'd recommend this book.

I thought this would have pictures of old barns across America . . . it has black & white drawings of barns/barn-styles. It's a nice book and was delivered in a good package; just not what I was looking for.

If you like a barns and or books on the subject this is a gem. History, pictures, other complimentary structures simple yet plenty of info not the size of a coffee table but with more info than most coffee table books. More educational than picture book but a serious addition to either farm or barn library. Perfect for novice but strong enough to impress a long timer like myself. Happy reading!

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