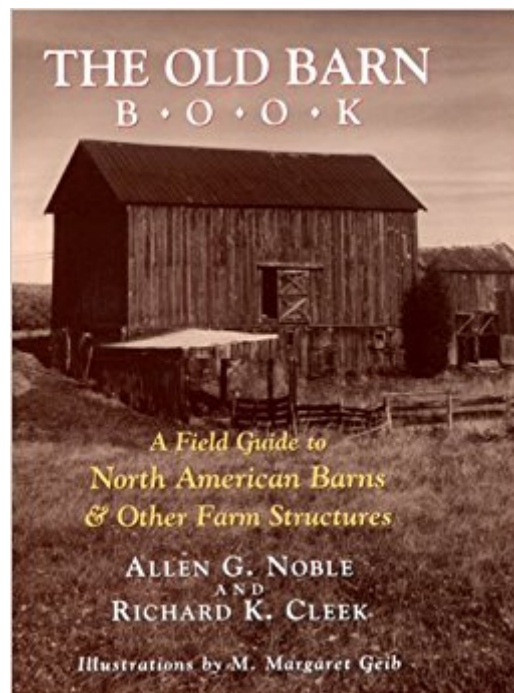




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# The Old Barn Book: A Field Guide To North American Barns & Other Farm Structures



## Synopsis

Barns give character to the countryside. Their structures reflect the ethnic heritage of a region's settlers and the nature of the land itself. With *The Old Barn Book*, you'll be able to spot the difference between a Dutch barn and a Swedish barn, a barn for cows and a barn for tobacco. You'll find out why some barns have hipped roofs and others gables, why some have doors at the end and others have them on the side, why some are wood and some are stone, why some are round. Whether you are nostalgic for farm life or like to drive out in the country or want to join in the barn preservation movement, you will find this book an indispensable guide.

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From hay barns to corn cribs, from fences to chicken coops, from silos to outhouses, 'The Old Barn Book's' clear drawings, photos, maps, and descriptions make it easy to figure what's what around a farm.

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I bought this book for some research I was doing on classic American barns, and this offered some helpful details, though I was a little disappointed in the quality of the photography, which are very grainy b & w shots, little more than casual snapshots. This is no coffee table book, but will offer

some good information if pure technical detail is all you're after.

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 was able to obtain a quick general knowledge of barn types in the United States. Very appreciative that the writers researched these barns and illustrated their findings with photos and drawings.

Great resource to have in your library!!

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!

A great book and barn guide!

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.

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