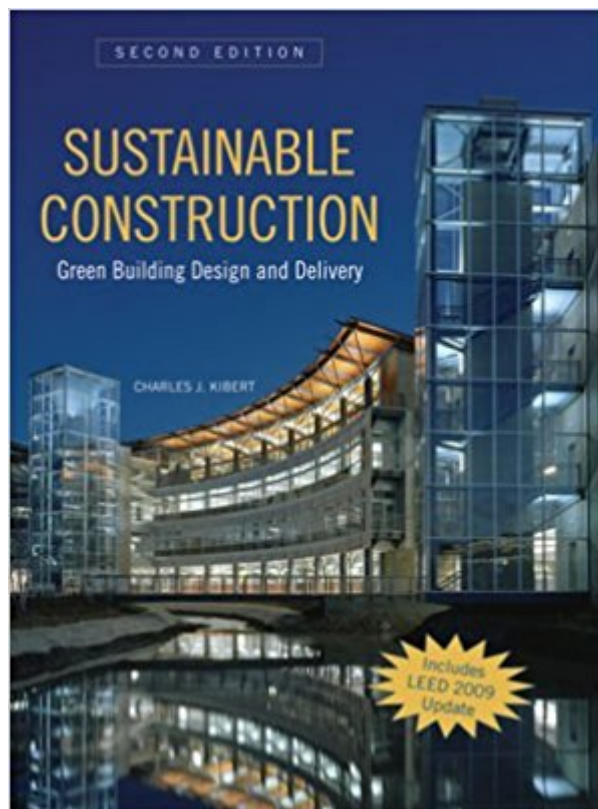




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I need to disagree with the two earlier reviewers in assessing this book. I used it in the context of a low-end graduate course on Sustainable Construction and found it to be both informative and relevant to the topic of making construction sustainable. This book does not provide technical

coverage of the systems discussed or construction in general, and should only be utilized by practitioners or students who already have such a background, but goes through many major areas in which sustainability can be in-built into buildings. These areas include: - Site selection, including how to orient buildings in the most climate-efficient manner under varying conditions and other site-relevant topics - Glazing and insolation, including techniques to optimizing glazing performance by controlling insolation to best meet climate and seasonal requirements for a variety of building uses - Alternative climate controls, including a heavy emphasis on natural ventilation, geothermal methods, and operational procedures that optimize indoor climate with minimal energy consumption - Water conservation, including both bathroom and general areas, as well as rainwater collection, irrigation, and other topics - Energy conservation, including on-site generation and optimization of lighting and HVAC systems, which currently comprise the majority of energy consumption by buildings - Material conservation, including the use of emerging material technologies, design-for-deconstruction, and similar methods. I found the greatest fault of this book to be the lack of coverage on implementation, which the earlier reviewers harped on. The majority of techniques covered require significant computer-based modelling techniques in order to be applied correctly. While the detail-level operation of these tools is clearly beyond the scope of the text, it would have been helpful if some software titles and general workflows were discussed. Despite this shortcoming, the material provided more than adequate food for thought to make the book and course very worthwhile. The book also speaks very highly of LEED certification, which I agree is an important step, but not sufficient alone, in spreading awareness and implementation of green building techniques. It does not, however, provide adequate background for taking the LEED Green Associate or Accredited Professional examinations, for which a purpose-written preparation book would be in order.

This book is wicked. I really enjoyed the perspective it brings to the built environment. It's not too heavy handed on the environment angle but it brings up interesting thought provoking points. The level of depth is more intermediate level than beginner or advanced but I found it to be a great place to start learning and thinking about the built environment.

Book arrived as promised (well within shipping time frame) and in perfect condition as described. Oh, and it is a good textbook if someone wants to study the basics of many areas of sustainable construction, easily supported by additional online research to update with most current news and materials.

Excellent information for experienced or newcomers to the construction industry. Ordered the book for class, but will use it as a resource going forward. Kibert's analysis and recommendations are based on thorough research of the subject. Glad to be reading and learning the valuable information in this textbook.

Arrived as expected

Good book, very easy to read for a textbook. Easily explained topics and enough depth to topics for basic understanding.

Used this text for a graduate course. It's not really geared towards engineers, so there's that. This text mainly delves into the motivation of sustainability, which makes for a good introductory course but the strengths

Good basic book - covers a lot of information in general terms & may provide you with enough info to direct further research. I got it used at a very good price, so It's a great addition to my library as a general catchall filler - If you want to crunch the numbers for solar heat loads or get the answer for what your new homes wall construction should be - this is not it.

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