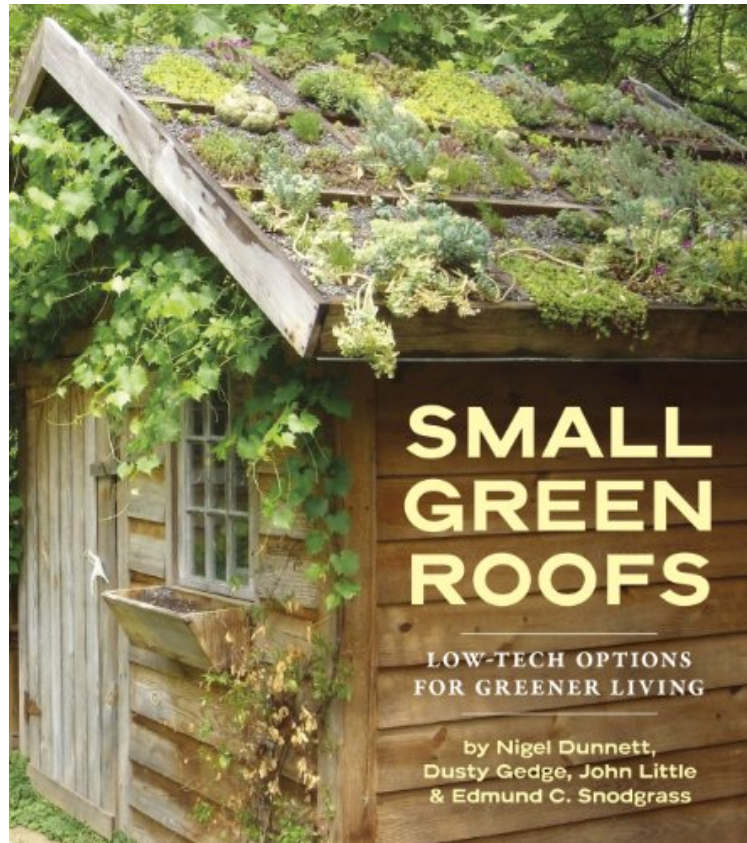


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**Nigel Dunnett, Dusty Gedge, John Little, Edmund C. Snodgrass : Small Green Roofs: Low-Tech Options for Greener Living** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Small Green Roofs: Low-Tech Options for Greener Living:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Best of it's typeBy Michael DI like this book, largely because it seems to be the best of it's type. I'm glad I bought it, and recommend it if you want to get into green roofs. The photos are very useful and inspiring, and there are a few pages in the beginning which outline useful principles.However, there are many faults. First, they are excessively biased towards a California-type of climate. Second, it's really not a how-to book in any sense. It's useful in orienting you to the overall approach of using linings and supports, but it's up to you to source the materials and figure out how to build it.The bulk of the book is a number of case studies, several of which are quite similar to each other. The example which is on the cover is not representative of the book overall.23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Geoclimatically conditional 5 starsBy Steven LeightonThis book is a cross Atlantic effort with authors and green roof specialists in England and the USA. It is very good for people who live in a pretty cool climate with a good amount of rain, like the north of England with temps of 25F lowest to 85F highest. I guess NY/NJ and New England along with Oregon and Wash. state could use this book too making suitable

changes in plants used. Of the approximately 42 cases presented about 39 are from England (the original not the new!). I live on the desert plain of Mexico at the base of the Sierra Madre mountain range- the case studies are of little use here -- but I can always dream of daily rain, grey skies and biting winds can't I?The five stars are for the content and quality of the book even though it won't work for me or anyone in the desert southwest of the USA.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent DIY guide to small green roofsBy Really good start to a great seriesThe book walks u thru several green roofs projects with pics. In each case it details what the project entailed and the ups and downs from each one. It also points out what the people felt they might of done differently in hindsight, which I really appreciated. It's a very small residential based and a great book to start with on the topic.

Until now, the green roof movement has been limited to large-scale, professional endeavors and public buildings. But homeowners everywhere are catching onto the benefits of a green roofwater conservation, energy savings, and storm water management. In *Small Green Roofs* authors Dunnett, Gedge, Little, and Snodgrass profile ordinary homeowners who scaled green roofs down to the domestic level.*Small Green Roofs* is the first book to focus on small-scale and domestic green roofs. More than forty profiles of small and domestic-scale projects of all shapes and sizes include green roofs on sheds, garden offices, studios, garages, houses, bicycle sheds, and other small structures, as well as several community projects. For each project, details are given for design, construction, and installation, as well as how-to tips on how the roof was planted and cared for. For readers looking for inspiration when hiring a contractor or taking the adventurous step of building their own, *Small Green Roofs* provides the knowledge and encouragement to make it possible.

Bountifully illustrated and brimming with stimulating information and ideas. Highly recommended for gardeners and environmentalists and anyone interested in greening up.*Library Journal* This lavishly illustrated book reviews the basics of design and installation. For homeowners, landscape architects, and engineers, this is a great overview of projects that wont break the bank.*Publishers Weekly* A real trailblazer. . . . the only in-depth guide to do it yourself green roofs. . . . A balance of functional how-to with inspirational ideas and solid horticultural information.*American Horticultural Society* The photographs are more than excellent. Installation instructions and planting designs are appealing enough to inspire all of us gardeners.*Washington Gardener* A valuable source book for information on the nuts and bolts of designing and planting a living roof, as well as an inspirational resource for ideas.*Smith Mountain Laker* Humble, yet inspirational projects.*Landscape Architecture* Will spark ones imagination. . . . Recommended.*Choice* Full of pictures and easy to read.*Environmental Magazine* The emphasis on smaller and local is easy to understand.*Living Architecture Monitor*