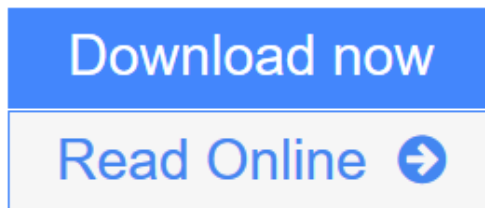




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**THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO BUILDING PROTECTION FROM THE ELEMENTS FOR BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS ALIKE**

You can survive a couple of weeks without food and a few days without water, but in some cases, you would be lucky to survive one night without shelter.

With structures ideally suited for any weather condition, this book presents emergency shelter designs built from a variety of elements, including 100 percent gathered items, a combination of natural and store-bought supplies and even durable construction materials.

The author offers helpful tips and techniques for mastering your shelter-building skills, as well as tutorials on how to make basic tools, bedding, mattresses and other items to increase shelter comfort.

Packed with easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step photos, this all-encompassing primer teaches you how to construct a variety of lifesaving shelters, including:

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- **Debris Hut**
- **Lean-To**
- **Bent Sapling Shelter**
- **Snow Cave**
- **Subterranean Shelter**
- **Scandinavian Lavvu**
- **Ger/Yurt**
- **Basha/Tarp Shelter**

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### **Lou Cadle says**

excellent. I particularly like that he mentions several details you don't commonly see mentioned in survival guides, good advice that you might not think of right away but that will serve you well.

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### **Rena Sherwood says**

I once was homeless for just over five years. Most of that time was spent in a structure my boyfriend and I made called a "bender" because you had to bend live young tree trunks to make the frame of the dwelling. I picked this book up as a reference for a book I'm trying to write and am not going to use. Why? When I came to the bender-like structure Akkermans describes making, I blinked.

The dwelling he describes would blow away on the first stiff wind. (The frame poles are not braced with rocks.) It also would easily flood in the first rain. (Drainage is not discussed.) Perhaps he means for someone to stay there for a week-end. But to go to all of that work (and killing many trees) just to abandon the thing after a couple of days seems a waste.

Akkerman also describes how to make a yurt-like thingy WITH A SEWING MACHINE. Now, I know that I have absolutely no right to speak for all formerly homeless people, but I never ONCE as a homeless person heard another homeless person say, "You know what we need? A sewing machine. Yeah, that'll be tickety-boo. Me gyro should cover it."

The homeless people I knew (and myself included) had no to little access to cars or closets. If you wanted a possession, you had to carry it wherever you went. If you have a sewing machine, the chances are pretty damn high that you will not be in need of shelter.

There are some nice bits on choosing a sleeping mat, what mental attitude to take when caught in a survival situation and some other bits, but mostly the projects here are far too complicated for the beginner or for someone desperate to survive out in the elements. Who has the time to build a yurt (sewing machine or no) when you are trying to find enough food and water to stay alive? Where do you get the energy for this stuff when you are starving? I guess these projects are good for paranoid schizophrenics or bipolar patients going through a manic phase. It helps channel their energies productively.

But as to helping the homeless, those in a survival situation (or as reference material for my book)-- nope, not at all.

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