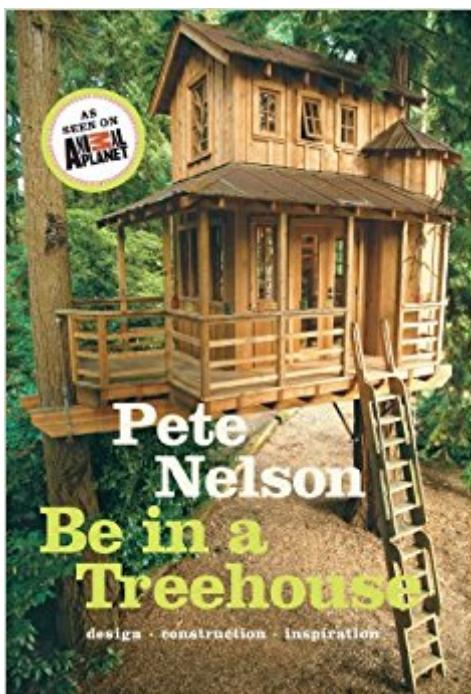


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# Be In A Treehouse: Design / Construction / Inspiration



## Synopsis

Pete Nelson, the world's best-known treehouse designer and builder, wants to put readers in trees; his motto is, "get 'er done, so you can BE in a TREE." His new book is a comprehensive source of inspiration and practical information about treehouse design and construction. To that end, he shares the basics of treehouse construction with his own recent projects as case studies. Using photographs taken especially for this project along with diagrams, he covers the selection and care of trees, and explains the fundamentals of building treehouse platforms. To ignite the imagination, Nelson presents 27 treehouses in the United States, Europe, and Africa. The book will be indispensable to anyone who aspires to have a treehouse, from the armchair dreamer, to the amateur builder, to the professional contractor.

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## Customer Reviews

"With its stunning photos of fanciful houses, Nelson's book will appeal to anyone who ever read Peter Pan or The Swiss Family Robinson. . . . To browse through Nelson's book is to fantasize about life in midair." (The Washington Post Book World)

Pete Nelson's previous books for Abrams include *Treehouses of the World* (2004) and *New Treehouses of the World* (2009). The host of the Animal Planet show *Treehouse Masters*,

Nelson runs Nelson Treehouse and Supply (NTS) outside of Seattle. He lives in Fall City, Washington.

Having already enjoyed Pete Nelson's television show and a couple of his previous books I knew that "Be In A Treehouse" would be a useful book for when it comes time to construct my own "get away in the trees". The book is broken down into easy to read sections on all the aspects of contemporary treehouse design and construction. Specifically designed hardware make treehouse building safer and more available - as long as you've got the tree (or trees) to support a structure. The book provides examples of treehouses that Pete has built as well as those built by others. Through the given examples Pete is able to illustrate pros and cons of methods of construction that he and others have developed over the years. Most importantly Pete tells us where he's failed, offering his solutions or lessons learned from those mistakes. If you are like me and love your trees and loved your childhood treehouse (or fort or clubhouse, etc...) then do yourself a favor and pick up this book.

I really enjoyed reading "Be in a Treehouse"! Wow, what a "job" to have: building treehouses. The book has some very cool pictures of treehouses from around the world, primarily built by the author in the USA. The only thing I would have enjoyed more is if the author would have shared more technical information (dimensions, techniques, closeup shots); though I assume he doesn't want to give away his secrets in a book and thus not have people hire him or attend his workshops. If you like treehouses - whether you're planning to build one or not - you'll like this book.

Not an instruction manual. Fun coffee table inspirational book for those who just want to dream or have the building ability but not the imagination. Has some tips but not an A-Z of how to complete a tree house. More a quirky read about how Pete became the Treehouse Man :).

This family of Pete Nelson show us that families can work together and stay together. His smile, and young innocents in his stories just touches my heart. Television has made his story come alive for us to learn and enjoy. I have and desire one even in my senior life. I have always wanted since since Disney put one in his Park.

I watch Pete on TV every time he is on. I love the idea of living off the grid. If and when we find the right property, Pete will design and build our Irish/Swiss/Native American Family Tree House

compound. The sketches and actual photos, the reason-history behind the build, it is all in black and white & living color. We cannot wait for more books on his fab ideas and builds. Ours will be huge, several levels, totally unique...as only Pete can envision. We will be solar and wind powered, have satellite TV/Internet and phone service to.

Pete Nelson delivers in this incredible book complete with photos, building descriptions and inspirational ideas. We watch Treehouse Masters constantly and absolutely love his work. This book also makes a great father's day gift as my husband hasn't put it down since it arrived. Great details and actual illustrations on how the treehouses were built. Love it and love the Nelson gang. We just need more new episodes of Treehouse Masters!

Fantastic Book!

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