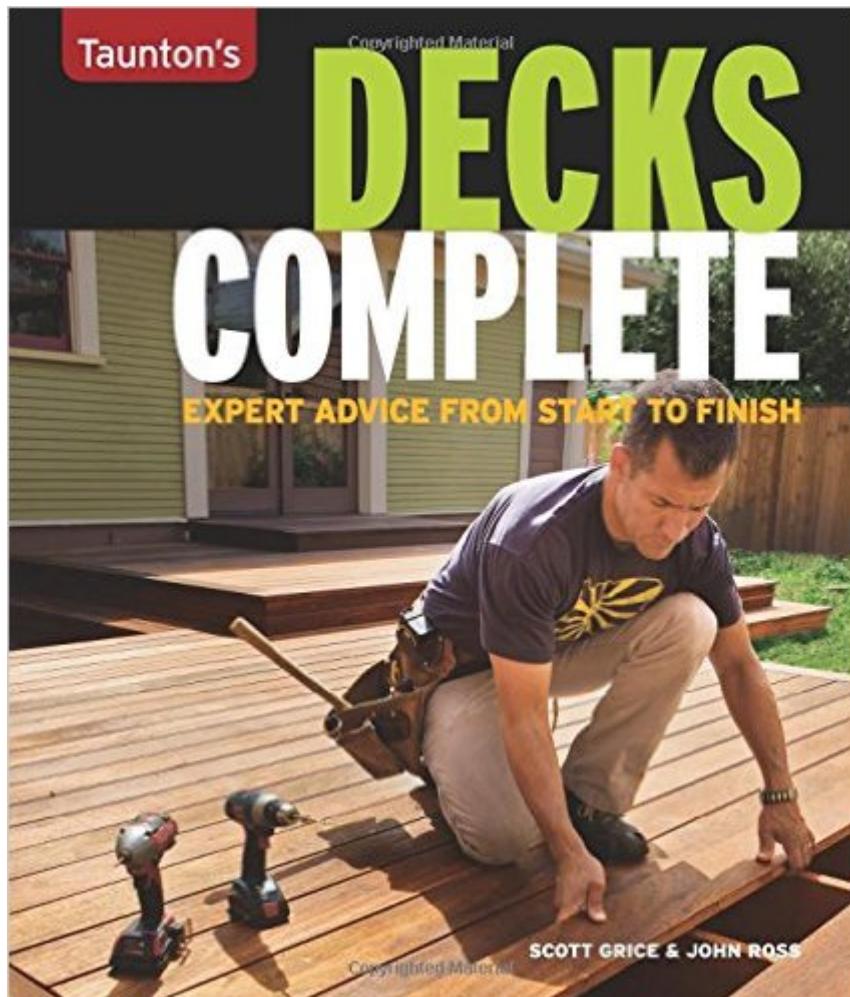


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This volume is a comprehensive, authoritative, and easy-to-use reference for homeowners covering all decking projects from the most basic to advanced. This highly visual book is focused on real world situations faced by homeowners and real world advice, including how to deal with the inevitable things that can go wrong. From buying the right decking materials to digging a footing, this book familiarizes readers with the basics before building framing and finishing skills through flashing a ledger, attaching posts to beams, building stairs, installing guards and handrails, and much more. What is unique about this decking guide is that it is easy to find the project and the information on how to tackle it - and that it is written by an expert builder. Intuitive finding devices and visual tables of contents make it easy to identify the material in the book relevant to the reader's situation.

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Customer Reviews

I've read and learned from every book I've read in this Taunton's building series, and this one is no exception. As someone who's been building decks for about fifteen years, I still learned a great deal from this book. Note that the book features the work of a master deck builder based in Portland, Oregon, and if I'm not mistaken, all the pictures come from one of his deck projects. (It's a deck addition project behind a home with ample space beneath the deck.) You follow him through the entire project in this book, which means that you don't miss a step. The downside about this format

is that you don't see this master deck builder work through ten or twelve different decks in different situations. In my experience, no two deck projects are the same: some require one support system while others require a modified version of that system. Some have many stages to them, while some are just square or rectangular. Some have built-in lighting and complex stair systems, and some do not. And the ground beneath the deck always dictates, to some extent, the kinds of piers you use. You don't see all that variation in this book, but you do see how to build well and with care. With that said, it's still a great deck-building book. There are so many pro-tips in this book relating to things like where you want water go to and how to attach your boards, that you can't help but get better as a builder when reading this book. The section on invisible connections to your deck boards is something I've been wondering about for years. I've also noticed that some deck books don't actually show you how to build a deck to code.

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