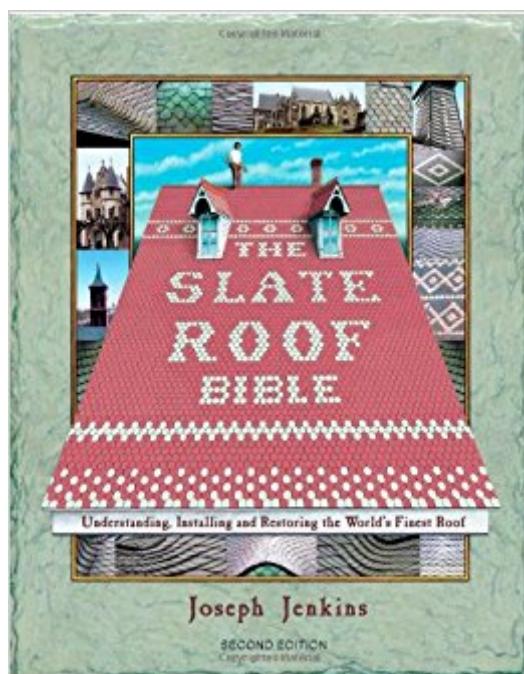


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The Slate Roof Bible: Understanding, Installing And Restoring The World's Finest Roof (The Slate Roof Bible, 2nd Edition)



Synopsis

The award-winning *Slate Roof Bible*, 2nd edition, has over 350 color photographs of slate and slate roofs from around the world, and a total of over 600 photos, illustrations, graphs, charts, diagrams, maps, etc. Jenkins' down-home style converts potentially tedious subjects like slate geology, roof safety, tools, installation, and repairs into readable delights. The book covers slate roofing history, culture and geology, along with complete descriptions and sources of tools, equipment and types and colors of slate, and comprehensive, step-by-step instructions on every aspect of slate roof installation, repair, restoration and recycling. It also includes sections on rebuilding chimneys, on soldered seam copper roofs, and on repair and restoration of ceramic tile and asbestos tile roofs. It is the culmination of 10 years of research and world-wide travel by the author.

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"Full of history, lore, and useful advice, Jenkins has written a fascinating book, spiced with humor and warmed with passion"--Doylestown Intelligencer Record (Philadelphia) "If you could earn a doctorate in slate roof, this book is probably the only book you'd need."--Lancaster Farming News "Jenkins has provided the roofing community with a definitive, single-source manual for slate roofing."--RCI (Roof Consultants Institute) Interface "Jenkins tells his tale with pizazz and rollicking humor..."--Boston Sunday Globe "The *Slate Roof Bible* is a fine book, filled with fascinating information about slate..."--Fine Homebuilding

Few roofing books are described by professional reviewers as "fascinating," "a delight," and "simply enjoyable." Perhaps the *Slate Roof Bible* has caught the eye of readers like no other because of Joseph Jenkins' personal knowledge and enthusiasm regarding slate roofs, not to mention his "down-home" writing style. Some say that America's renewing interest in "the world's finest roof" is now due, in part, to *The Slate Roof Bible*. As construction trends turn toward "greener" buildings, stone roofs will certainly only grow in popularity. Knowledge of the natural beauty and fantastic success of slate roofing systems is only a book away from thousands of readers. With 10,000 copies of the first edition of *The Slate Roof Bible* already in circulation on three continents, we at Jenkins Publishing are now proud to announce: *The Slate Roof Bible, 2nd Edition, Completely Revised, Expanded and Updated! Understanding, Installing, and Restoring the World's Finest Roof* What's new in the second edition? The original book was 287 pages; the second edition, despite serious space saving efforts, will total about 320 pages. The original 2 part book is now a 3 part book: *Understanding Slate Roofs, Installing Slate Roofs, and Restoring Slate Roofs*. The book will have 21 chapters instead of the original 15. New chapters include European Slating Methods, International Roof Slate, Roof Inscriptions and Designs, plus separate chapters for Flashing, for Recycling Slate Roofs, for Chimneys, and for Valleys, and an additional catch-all chapter for miscellaneous roofing systems often associated with slate roofs (such as soldered-seam copper roofs and ceramic tile roofs). You will now find illustrated sections on eyebrow dormers, rounded valleys, turrets, and other interesting roof details unique to slate roofs. You will also find approximately 361 photographs (195 in the 1st edition) and over 229 illustrations (175 in the 1st edition) adorning our new book, including a host of step-by-step installation, maintenance, repair and restoration drawings, as well as many photos showing the inimitable beauty that only a slate roof can display. And best of all, the entire book is printed in color. You can't do justice to slate roofs in black and white!

This book guided me through every step of putting a slate roof on a Japanese teahouse I'm building. Jenkins knows what he's doing and presents the best method in an amateur-friendly way. The Bible is probably a must-have for professional roofers, too.

I am a low income home owner that lives in a state where people don't seem to know what slate is. I do all my own work on my home with the help of my husband. Since he doesn't do heights...even a ladder makes him nervous, and I am happy swinging in the trees, I am the "roofer" in the family. I

had zero intention of loosing my slate, and no idea how to work with it. This book makes me feel confident that I can. The Youtube videos are an awesome addition, to see how to wield a tool....there is nothing like seeing someone do something to get a good feel for technique. The book is SOOO informative. Don't just skip to the "how-to" for what you need to accomplish. Actually sit and read it cover to cover. It is REALLY helpful to know the nature and history of what you're working with! This book will set you on the path of appreciating the rock and the skill that it takes to get it from mine to roof. I just wish others in my town appreciated what they had on their houses...Even one of the members of the Historic District Commission....ripped all three townhouse roofs off and put asphalt up that still leaks (for tens of thousands of dollars). Packed with witty writing, history and technical information this book will inform you of the beauty of slate, and/or arm you with the knowledge of how to preserve it yourself or ask questions of your contractor. A must if your roof is rock and you intend to keep it that way. I think all homes with a rock roof in this country should come with this book! The pictures are excellent....combined with online video, basic tools and safety equipment, you can do it yourself or be better informed to approach contractors. Even if you're not doing the work yourself, knowing how it should be done, and reading/watching what the experts do will help you not get ripped off.

Nice review of slating over the centuries, as well as a good tool for current slate quarried in the US and elsewhere. I've worked on slate roofs in Virginia for almost 35 years and learned a lot of new information from this well written and nicely presented book. Good pics too.

Wow! This book is everything I've been looking for since I purchased a 110-year-old house with its original slate roof. I soon found out that there was virtually no one with a good working knowledge of slate roofs to be found. We are facing some fairly serious maintenance issues now and when I ran across this book, I hoped for the best. I was right. This has everything you need to work on your own roof or find someone who can, what kind of slate you have, and proper methodologies for putting down as well as repairing slate. It has an amazing breadth, and has beautiful photos of some historical slate roofs, as well as excellent line drawings of repair techniques. This book is for anyone interested in the wonderful slate roof, whether or not you own one. My husband was astonished to find that exactly what he had needed to know was now at his fingertips, with complete instructions. We've had our house for five years now, and finally feel confident about caring for our beautiful old roof.

This was a gift and was more than welcomed and appreciated!! Thank you!

Who knew one could get so excited about slate roofing. After reading this book, I am so motivated to tackle the roof on my house. Everywhere I walk now my head is pointed upwards to look at the slate on roofs. My father always told me that slate lasts 100 years - but never did I imagine it could last up to 400! The most interesting thing about this book is the geology of slate. Mr Jenkins clearly shows his experience but also his passion for this type of roof - which is more than a roof- it's a piece of architectural history. The book appropriately enough starts with a poem - because slate can truly inspire poetry. My only criticism is that in his passion for slate, Mr. Jenkins occasionally slighted terne roofing. Being in a barn, garage or gazebo under a terne / tin roof during the rain is just as poetic as slate. I remember looking for books on terne roofing, a skill which thankfully my father passed on to me, and found in some complete guide to roofing (sic) that 'metal is no longer an acceptable roofing material because of the noise it makes during rain'. My God - they just don't get it. The poetry of rain on a tin (or slate) roof. Pity the people who have never heard that soothing, lulling sound.

Has loads of information about all aspects of slate roofing with photos and illustrations from repairing a slate roof to types of slate.

The title pretty much says it all. Despite the drawbacks noted by other reviewers I found the information to be comprehensive and informative.

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