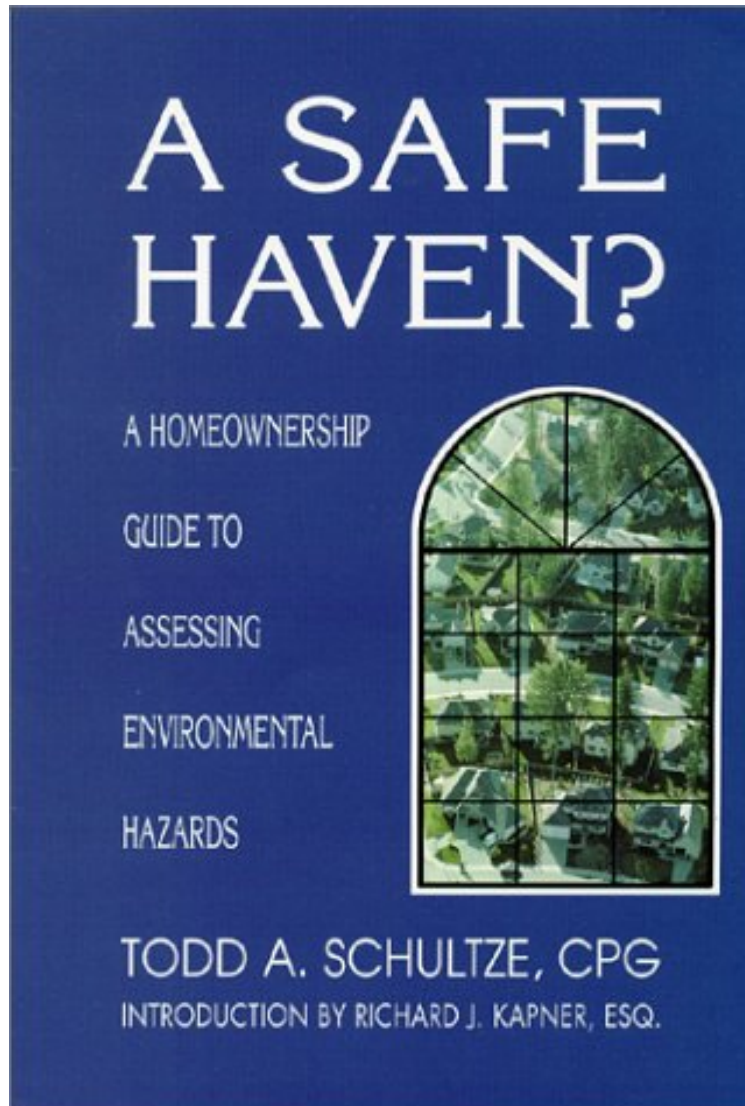


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Through detailed information, personal experience, and actual examples, "A Safe Haven?" discusses common hazards in the home as well as other critical topics that are often unrecognized and overlooked. "A Safe Haven?" is written for anyone with concerns about environmental hazards in their home and community or for anyone that is purchasing a new home. This book is also a reference tool for real estate agents, attorneys, insurers, lenders, contractors, and developers - allowing recognition of the risks and liabilities associated with environmental hazards. In a straightforward and informative way the reader is presented with each area of concern, the problems that can be encountered, the health and monetary consequences, relevant purchase contract issues, and clear direction on what to look for, what to avoid, and what actions can be taken to reduce or eliminate risks. Topics include: radon, underground and aboveground tanks, drinking water quality, asbestos, lead-based paint, indoor air quality and air pollution, hazardous waste and contaminated sites, performing risk assessments, property investigation methods, impacts to property values, evaluating historical uses of property, evaluating community hazards, conducting surveys and assessing the health effects on families. Also included are over 40 illustrations and tables, a glossary of more than 80 terms, a complete index, and a detailed home and community survey questionnaire.

From Library Journal If you are purchasing a new home or have concerns about the environmental situation in your existing home, this book is for you. It covers specific environmental issues, including radon, lead, indoor and outdoor air quality, drinking water, storage tanks, and asbestos. Schultze, the principle geologist for an environmental consulting firm, explains the sources of contamination, the magnitude of the problem, and the health risks to owners and their families. He advises readers how to investigate the environmental history of a property, assess and evaluate the hazards, and consider the financial consequences of environmental pollution in homes and communities. Readers will find practical and workable solutions to avoid, reduce, or eliminate hazards so that they can truly enjoy a safe haven at home. The appendix contains a home survey checklist and glossary. Tables, diagrams, statistical facts, and illustrations accompany the text. All parties involved in home buying and selling should consult this fact-filled guide before closing the deal. Recommended for all public libraries. Irwin Weintraub, Brooklyn Coll. Lib., New York Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Publisher While most every book is targeted at a specific niche, this one book is truly relevant to everyone. As we all live, eat and breathe, we need to be aware of the possible health risks that exist in our homes and communities. Whether purchasing a new home, assessing the safety of an existing one, preparing a purchase contract, or offering insurance and a mortgage, the information in this book is vitally important and must be considered. "A Safe Haven?" permits a practical and realistic evaluation of risk. From the Author I wrote "A Safe Haven?" after recognizing that the public is often under informed or misinformed regarding the environmental hazards that are present in homes and communities. I was also motivated by an interest in presenting many issues that are usually overlooked in home safety guides. I have found that the public's response to environmental issues varies considerably. While some homeowners can obsess about or be completely perplexed by possible hazards, others may never give them a second thought. These reaction extremes are usually due to misunderstandings of or an absence of complete information.