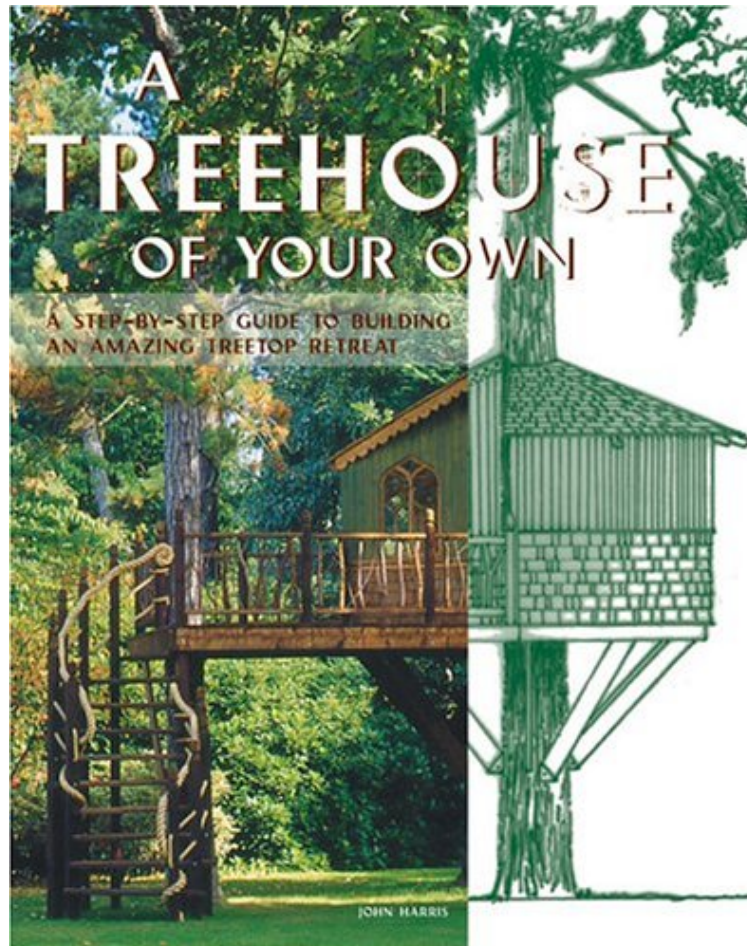


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CarolynFor hubby to build his tree house . He loves it!

Here's a book for romantics but with a practical flair! This beautifully illustrated volume guides readers through all stages of planning and constructing a treehouse. They'll find plans for several different treehouse styles, from a simple but attractive rustic shelter to an arboreal dwelling featuring modern creature comforts with electricity and cooking facilities. The author describes all needed tools, equipment, and materials, and discusses the type of tree most suitable for each of his designs. Readers are guided through construction of platform or foundation, frame, ladders, windows, and doors. They also learn the more complex aspects of construction, such as roofing, staircases, and connecting electricity for lighting and heating. The finished result can range from an idyllic playroom for children to a handsomely furnished space for adult leisure hours or even business conferences. More than 350 handsome color photos show every aspect of treehouse construction.

From Publishers Weekly British carpenter and author Harris acknowledges that building a Swiss Family Robinson-like treetop abode for children is "beyond the carpentry ability of some readers, yet fairly easy for others." His book is awe-inspiring to browse through, as it features breathtaking photos of amazing tree houses, many featuring rope bridges, spiral staircases, arched windows and doors, and verandas. Harris recognizes that every tree and potential tree dweller is unique, so rather than offering sets of fixed plans, he takes a modular approach to building a "treetop retreat," featuring chapters on foundations, roofing, windows and doors, railings, ladders and stairs, and rope bridges. Each of these sections begins with tips for safety, followed by lists of "key objectives" and "equipment and materials," then goes on to describe, in methodical detail, the measuring, cutting, lifting and fastening required to build a structure among the branches of a tree. Harris strives to give "an outline of the sequence of events that should be followed in all treehouse projects," allowing readers to adapt to the shape and size of their tree, their budget and their own carpentry skills. Many color photos offer detailed views of tree houses ranging from simple to deluxe, and while most houses are meant for children, a few are for arboreal dining rooms and home offices, complete with glass windows, electricity and even plumbing. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From the Back Cover back cover A Treehouse of Your Own is a comprehensive guide to building the perfect backyard hideaway from planning stages to the finished structure. The world's leading treehouse constructor, John Harris, takes prospective builders through each stage of the build, using detailed step-by-step photography. The book includes a wide variety of amazing structures, showing the different ladders, roofs, rope bridges, balustrades, windows, and accessories you can add to your new treetop home. John Harris is a prize-winning treehouse builder, a medal winner at London's famous Chelsea Flower Show, the author of a previously published book on treehouse construction, and the founder of The TreeHouse Company, a firm that both designs and builds treehouses.