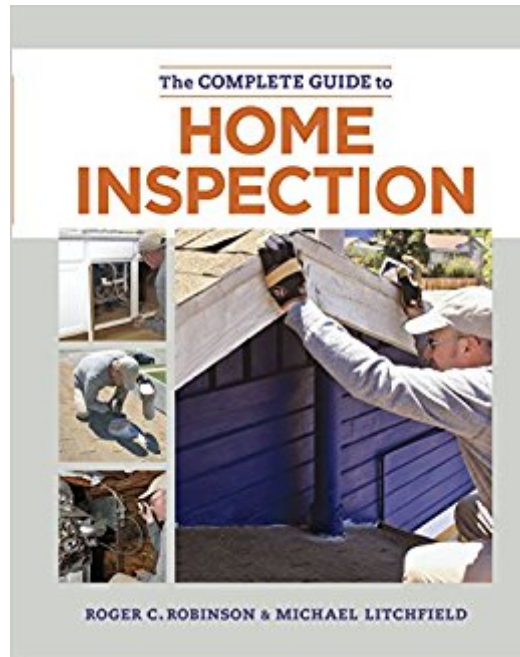


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# The Complete Guide To Home Inspection



## Synopsis

Thorough enough for professionals...accessible enough for homeowners! Written in plain language suitable even for first-time home buyers, *The Complete Guide to Home Inspection* is a must-have reference. An all-in-one resource with 250 descriptive photographs and 20 helpful illustrations, it is invaluable for home buyers, home sellers, professional home inspectors, and every homeowner who wants to understand what their house is telling them. Truly comprehensive in scope. This is the most extensive examination of home inspection available, covering all areas of the home from top to bottom, including: Exteriors Roofs Attics Foundations, basements, and crawlspaces Plumbing Electrical systems Heating and cooling Kitchen, baths, and laundries Garages, attached structures, and many other areas

Learn the trade secrets of industry experts in home building and inspection. With over 70 years of combined experience, the authors are on a highly focused mission to: Determine your home's hidden trouble spots and how to remedy them Provide sound advice on avoiding hazardous materials Offer helpful tips for improving energy efficiency, and much more.

Put an end to the mysterious problems that can create a "Money Pit." • Head off potential problems as you learn to understand a home's systems. Includes enormously helpful resources: Checklists "for properly inspecting a home" Retrofit tips "to quickly resolve problems and issues" Get your copy today and gain new insights into home safety and more.

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I am a home inspector. This is a great book for the new inspector as well as the more seasoned. It is full of practical advice. Spot on tips on where to find the most common issues, recognizing issues and just a bunch of practical advice. This book was written by Michael Litchfield and Roger Robinson. Unfortunately, Roger passed away before the book published. Roger was a LEGEND in the inspection profession. He won the two highest awards in the profession - the John Daly Award from the California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA) and the Philip Monahan Award from the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI). Roger is one of only five individuals to win both awards. Roger spent countless hours helping new and not so new inspectors learn the craft. He was a very special person. This book is a great legacy. I think this will be required reading for inspectors for many years to come. If you are serious about being a home inspector - you need this book in your library.

Being a home inspection business owner I can say that this book is great. Real world examples and explanations, color photos and it is a great training, learning and review book. This book is written in a very good straight forward manner and the constant reference to real world inspections is very helpful. The color images are complimented with excellent drawing and illustrations which help to bring concepts home. Our business we regularly include illustrations in our reports to help clients understand concepts about defects we find, so seeing this used in this book is great. In conclusion no matter what size your inspection company is this book is a great resource. You are sure to learn more and also it is a great tool by giving you clear examples to how to explain things to your clients.

Head and shoulders above the others. Very complete, useful information, lots of on-site photos, crisp illustrations. Enough background to tell you how something should be constructed, and clear explanations about what you're seeing when you find something irregular or not-to-Code. Robinson has inspected 6000 or 7000 houses in his career and Litchfield has written a dozen books about homebuilding--a team that knows what it is talking about.

Hands down the best entry level book of its kind in the industry. While it is not a substitute for formal inspection training, it provides a valuable resource for both the experienced inspector and the layman alike. The two authors (Robinson & Litchfield) also co-wrote a book 12 years earlier called "House Check" which was excellent at that time and, quite frankly, still is. The book provides not only the authors's valuable insights but also traces the path of another home inspector (Brian Cogley) as he performs a hands on inspection in this book. He provides real world examples of issues he

encounters in his business. This is valuable information included in the book. There are hundreds of colored, highly detailed photos throughout. Nearly everything is there: the good, the bad and the ugly. Numerous safety tips are also presented throughout the well organized manual. There are other books about home inspection out there by some well known personalities, but this guide to home inspection eclipses them by far. Produced by Taunton Press a well-respected publishing company in its own right, the book not unexpectedly has very few errors and typos unlike some other books available on the subject. One can tell that a lot of time, effort and detail went into this printed masterpiece. It is that good. This should be the first book on home inspection any one buys. It sets the standard for inspectors and others interested in the topic including homeowners and real estate professionals seeking to learn more about this valuable subject.

Great resource if you are going to either buy or sell a house. Find all those little surprises you've not given even the smallest thought, and fix them before it's way too late. Better you should know about it.

Incredible thorough and detailed. After buying several houses in the past four years, I now realize what an inadequate job all of the inspectors did. If you plan to buy a house, this book could save you a fortune.

I recently purchased a small vacation cottage located on a lake. This book has been an invaluable tool to assist me in my inspection of the plumbing, wiring and many other important aspects of the cottage. The real life pictures along with the many suggestions for repair was very helpful. I would highly recommend this book for anyone attempting renovation or assaying the safety or value of a home.

As a long-time home inspector, I found this book to be very thorough and well written. It has enough technical detail to benefit the seasoned home inspector and is accessible enough for home buyers and new home inspectors. I highly recommend this book to real estate agents. The photos and illustrations in this book are worth the price.

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