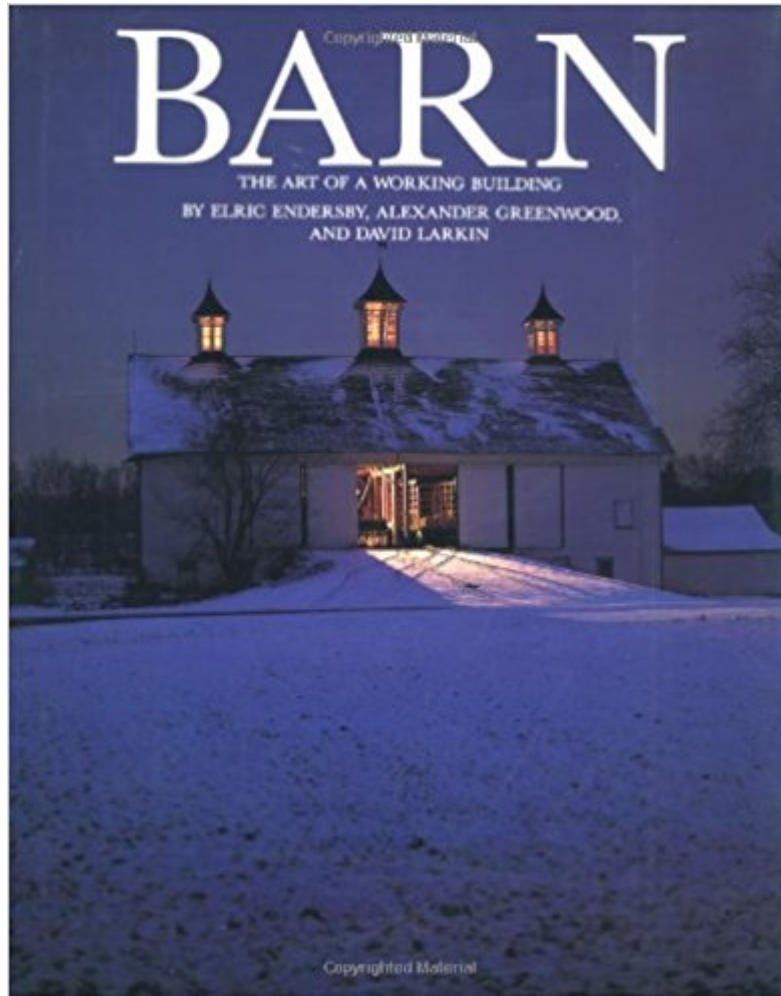




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# **Barn: The Art Of A Working Building**



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Barn (UMI Res. Pr., 1986). LeRoy Schultz's Barns, Stables, and Outbuildings (McFarland, 1986) provides a useful bibliography, and Ernest Burden's Living Barns (N.Y. Graphic Soc., 1984) covers barn restoration, remodeling, and conservation. -- Russell T. Clement, Brigham Young Univ. Lib., Provo, Ut. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Great book; great seller....highly recommended!

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Very nice book, good condition

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