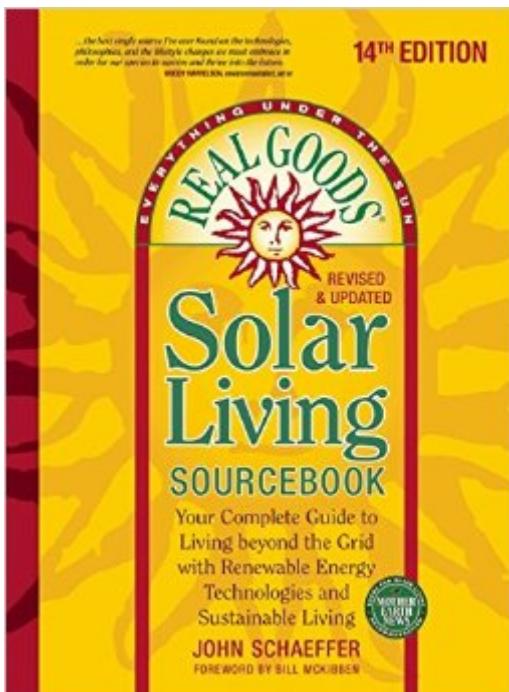


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# Real Goods Solar Living Sourcebook: Your Complete Guide To Living Beyond The Grid With Renewable Energy Technologies And Sustainable Living



## Synopsis

What book would you want if you were stranded on a desert island? Widely regarded as the "bible" of off-grid living, Real Goods Solar Living Source Book might be your best choice. With over six hundred thousand copies in print worldwide, it is the most comprehensive resource available for anyone interested in lessening their environmental footprint or increasing their energy independence. The Solar Living Sourcebook, Fourteenth Edition is the ultimate guide to renewable energy, sustainable living, natural and green building, off-grid living, and alternative transportation, written by experts with decades of experience and a passion for sharing their knowledge. This fully revised and updated edition includes brand new sections on permaculture and urban homesteading and completely rewritten chapters on solar technology, sustainable transportation, and relocalization. It also boasts greatly expanded material on: Natural building Permaculture and biodynamics Electric and biofuel-powered vehicles Passive solar Solar water heating Grid-tie photovoltaic systemsâ "plus maps, wiring diagrams, formulae, charts, electrical code, solar sizing worksheets, and much more. Whether you're a layperson or a professional, novice or longtime aficionado, the Sourcebook puts the latest research and information at your fingertipsâ "everything you need to know to make sustainable living a reality. John Schaeffer is the president and founder of Real Goodsâ "the foremost global source for tools and information on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living. Since 1978, through Real Goods, he has pioneered solar technology in North America, providing over one hundred and fifty megawatts of solar power and helping to solarize over eighteen thousand homes.

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An excellent, up-to-date reference book for all things renewable: hybrid cars, solar panels, hot water, gardening, etc. Very useful to my wife and I in deciding on solar panels and a new hot water system (we went with a heat pump). Lots of information gathered in one spot, going beyond product marketing with the benefit of years of experience. Readers outside the USA will need to do a little more homework as some products and advice (e.g. rebates) won't apply elsewhere around the world.

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