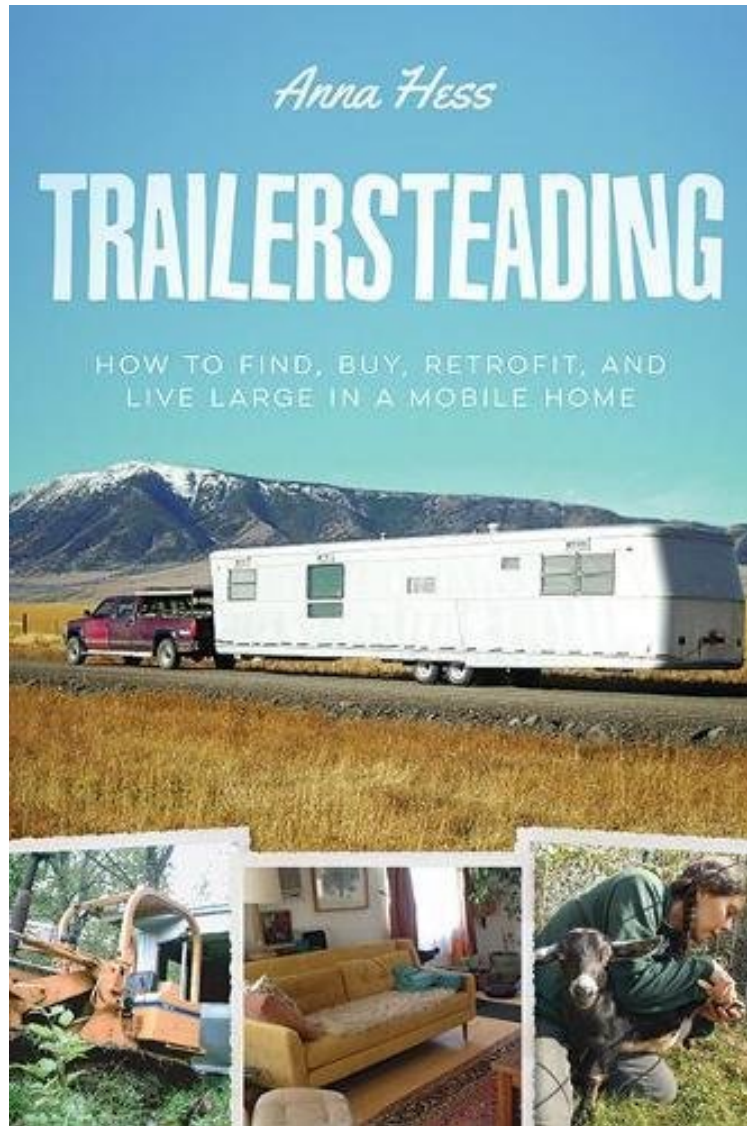


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60 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Live Amazingly, Simply!By Jeannie KieselburgHubby and I were forced into early retirement due to my health. We moved to Virginia in 2009, as this was always meant to be our

retirement area. Then, 18 months ago, sick of renting, we found a 1997 single-wide on 1.24 acres, with creek frontage, for a SONG, with the owner carrying the note. OH, HAPPY DAY! We cheaply fenced the front for our dogs, with a larger fenced area for the garden. Our 938 sf feels like a mansion, because our mortgage is so low and before long there will be NO mortgage! Anna Hess' book has given me further inspiration as to ideas and projects. It is nice to see there are others out there who feel as we do. Great read, well-written, and worth the pennies it cost. THANK YOU!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Very Interesting, Entertaining and Informative Book! By Geraldine

Although I've never actually lived in a mobile home or "off the grid" I've always been fascinated by the idea of doing something like that. Trailersteading is an excellent resource guide for anyone who is considering moving into a mobile home, whether it's in a mobile park or one that's parked on a piece of land. Or even if you've just been curious to know more about this topic, as I was. I loved reading all the case histories of people who have taken mobiles (and often ones that they bought for almost nothing) and turned them into great places to live. The attention to detail in this book is admirable too. I am going to check out Anna Hess' novel Watermelon Summer too, the cover photo alone had me hooked! :-)

And based on the quality of this book, I'm guessing it's going to be a worthwhile read too. Highly recommended!

Geraldine Helen Hartman author of The Groovy Green Kitchen: Weeknight Veggie Slow Cooker

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. I live in a trailer

By Customer

We live in a "mobile home" that is not mobile, as it has no axles under it. We added on two rooms and it has all the space we will ever need. There are also many products out there now to help remodel these homes. Lowe's has primers for anything you want to paint from walls to cabinets to floors. Just like a "real" house there are many decorating options. I loved the book. Thanks!

All the advantages of a tiny house at a fraction of the cost! Imagine what you could do with your time if you didn't have to spend \$16,000 a year on rent or a mortgage. Old single-wide mobile homes can often be found for free (and installed for a couple of thousand dollars) in rural areas, so trailersteading is akin to dumpster-diving. A trailer allows you to live without debt, to keep your ecological footprint to a minimum with energy bills at or below the national average, and even to blend right in alongside traditional-house dwellers after a few years. Trailersteading profiles thirteen mobile-home dwellers who have used trailers as a stepping stone toward achieving their dreams. Some have spent the cash saved to expedite renovations involving extra insulation, pitched roofs, classy interiors, and even basements, while the found money has allowed others to go off the grid. Many also took advantage of a low-cost housing option to pursue their passions, becoming full-time homemakers or homesteaders. In addition to the case studies, this book presents easy methods of minimizing the negative sides of trailer life and accentuating the positive. For example, did you know a single-wide is easy to retrofit for passive solar heating? That a simple plant-covered trellis can break up the blockiness of the trailer's external appearance? Learn which parts of installing and upgrading your trailer are easy for a DIYer and which parts should be left to the experts, along with how to cheaply heat and cool a mobile home.

"An obvious buy for anyone who is retrofitting or renovating a mobile home, but its also a subtle winner in the library of any DIYer, homesteader, renovator, or dreamer who is interested in alternative housing ideas." greenmama blog

About the Author Anna Hess enjoys writing about the adventures, both on her blog at [WaldenEffect.org](http://WaldenEffect.org), and in her books. Her first paperback, *The Weekend Homesteader*, helped thousands of homesteaders-to-be find ways to fit their dreams into the hours leftover from a full-time job.