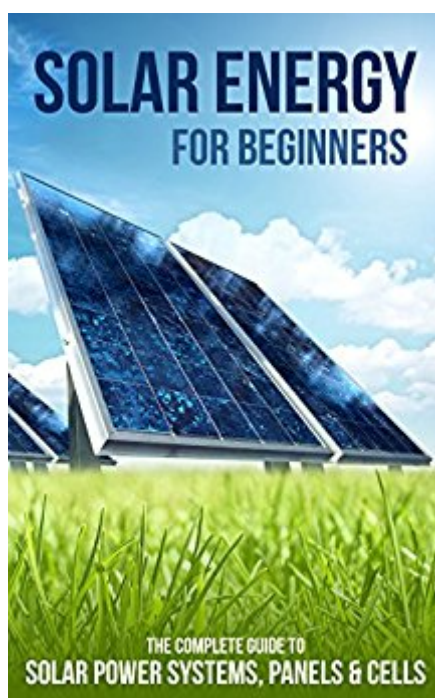


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# Solar Energy For Beginners: The Complete Guide To Solar Power Systems, Panels & Cells



## Synopsis

Understanding Solar EnergySolar energy is free and it is located everywhere where the sun is shining. However, harnessing the energy of sun in order to convert it to electricity or heat is not an easy task. You need to use the right equipment as well as design basics in order to harness the energy of the sun effectively. There are many benefits of using solar energy to heat up or power your home. One of the most important benefits of using this renewable energy is that you can help save the environment. This green energy can also help you reduce the cost of your energy bill by as much as half. However, if you opt for solar energy to power your house, you need to educate yourself about the many options that you have. Thus, this book will serve as your guide. With this book, you can learn the following: Learn about the benefits of using solar energy in Chapter 1. Moreover, the same chapter will also give you insightful ideas on how you can finance as well as get incentives for using solar power energy. This book also teaches you on the things that you need to consider before deciding to adopt this system to your house. Installing solar power systems have several requirements thus it is crucial to know what these requirements are in order to make the most out of solar power energy. Chapter 3 also discusses the different types of solar power systems that you can opt for. The chapter gives in-depth discussion on photovoltaic, concentrated and passive solar power systems. Adopting solar power energy is very crucial for green homes and buildings. Thus, if you want to take advantage of this technology, then this book will serve as your guide on what you need to know about solar power.

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As I read this book, I was distracted by a large number of grammatical errors and unusual word choices, which lead me to believe that this was written by someone who has not mastered English, and did not care enough to hire an editor. The subject was addressed in a superficial manner that included few specific descriptions. A specific description was included to explain the proper directional positioning of roof solar panels. According to the book panels should be installed facing east and north to obtain optimal charging of the panels. This is incorrect. Southern exposure and secondarily, western exposures are optimal sites for photovoltaic panel installation. Another glaring error was a statement that bi-directional meters must be purchased so you pay only for energy use that exceeds what your system generates. This used to be the case, however, the smart meters used by most utility companies do not run in this way. Instead, you pay for an estimated electrical usage each month, and your utility company settles the account annually. Our utility company will pay us \$ .03/ KWh for energy we generate that is over our usage, but we pay \$.16/ KWh for we buy from the utility company when our use exceeds the amount our system has generated. An important consideration for many home owners are local, state and federal solar incentives, other than grants. These programs were not mentioned. In summary, this book failed to adequately address the subject of the book, was awkwardly written, and contained major factual errors. This is my rationale for giving it two stars, the equivalent of a barely passing "D" grade.

This is one of those books that really only gives you the BASICS. There's not sufficient information to go ahead and start planning. But, you'll learn what you need to know about solar systems.

waste of money

Maybe there are not enough information in this book but you get the basics to start since the book is

for beginners like myself. Highly recommended

I think anytime you can have a better understanding of solar its a good thing because I believe everything should be powered by solar these days. This is a nice introductory book to solar, theres a few grammatical errors in the book but it didn't take away from the content really. If you want to better understand solar and what its all about this is a great start.

Simplistic, basic book, doesn't cover the ramifications and cost issue with the grid and problems with solar systems.

Not at all what I expected for the cost of the ? I'd like to say book but it was more like a small booklet. Might have been great for third graders but I was really disappointed.

i love the subject and the length is great. Very thorough.

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