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Walker's Building Estimator's Reference Book





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This book is unique in that it gives you the tools to obtain an accurate cost for your project with its own specific data. Having control over a project, and its BUDGET, depends on how well you know your estimate; and this book will teach you most of what you need to know about estimating.

Walker's shows you how to work up a price and customize your bids. It takes some computation of your own (you definitely have to know your local labor costs) but it's definitely worth the effort because Walker's explains how jobs wind up costing a certain amount. A great book for sure.

very detailed reference but productivity rates are too high for proper estimating

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