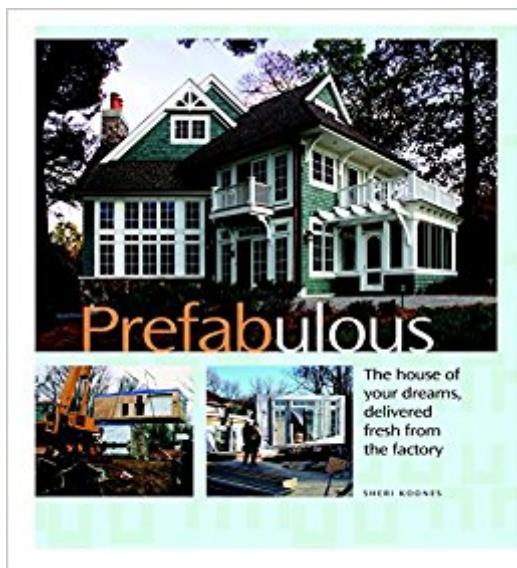


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# Prefabulous: Prefabulous Ways To Get The Home Of Your Dreams



## **Synopsis**

This is the only book that gives homeowners who are dreaming about building or planning to build a new home the good and the bad on all types of prefabricated houses. Shows that prefabricated can be mainstream traditional design and does not have to look like a mobile home or a modular "Dwell" box. Prefabulous describes the many systems available for prefabricating all or parts of a new home, including timber frame and log, as well as modular, panelized, structural insulated panels, steel framing and concrete systems, which are relatively new. Prefabulous describes these systems, compares their advantages and disadvantages, and shows beautiful examples of houses built using these techniques. Although all of these "prefabricated" houses look very different, all of them were manufactured partially or almost completely in a controlled factory environment and transported to the home site to be erected. As a group these systems offer a faster, more energy-efficient, and sometimes more cost-efficient method of building. Includes a foreword by Not So Big House author Sarah Susanka, who writes: "For homeowners who want to know the options, the advantages and disadvantages of those options, and to see how those prefabricated parts come together into a good, attractive home, read this book."

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It was not exactly what I was looking for. Way too many modern examples and a heavy focus on pre-fabulous options; however, it does offer good advice on what to look for in a manufacturer. The price was far lower than the brick and mortar stores.

The book has beautiful pictures; most of the houses are very large and not really what I would have in mind. I would have liked a book with more moderately priced homes, with personalization, high attention to minimal purchased energy consumption. Since we live in an area with cold winters and lots of snow, more houses in this type of climate would be more useful to me. It does give an idea of what is available, other than than (the old) very basic ranch. I may be able to use some of the ideas in it, in that regard.

Overpriced and marginally useful. Most of book is devoted to high-end, expensive spreads that average home builder could not hope to afford. I bought it thinking it would give more helpful information about manufacturers and construction details, but it's really more of coffee table book with pretty pictures. Basically wasted my money.

This book exactly what I was looking for. Great hints, ideas and pictures as well as some floor plans to look at as well.

was hoping for something more extensive in the way of floor plans but this is probably good for a beginner. is somewhat comprehensive. features a lot of photos of finished interiors.

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