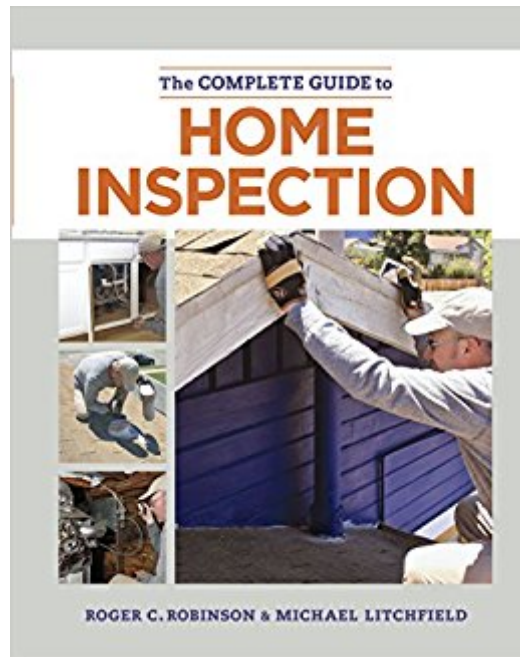




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# The Complete Guide To Home Inspection



## Synopsis

Thorough enough for professionals...accessible enough for homeowners! Written in plain language suitable even for first-time home buyers, *The Complete Guide to Home Inspection* is a must-have reference. An all-in-one resource with 250 descriptive photographs and 20 helpful illustrations, it is invaluable for home buyers, home sellers, professional home inspectors, and every homeowner who wants to understand what their house is telling them. Truly comprehensive in scope. This is the most extensive examination of home inspection available, covering all areas of the home from top to bottom, including: Exteriors Roofs Attics Foundations, basements, and crawlspaces Plumbing Electrical systems Heating and cooling Kitchen, baths, and laundries Garages, attached structures, and many other areas

Learn the trade secrets of industry experts in home building and inspection. With over 70 years of combined experience, the authors are on a highly focused mission to: Determine your home's hidden trouble spots and how to remedy them Provide sound advice on avoiding hazardous materials Offer helpful tips for improving energy efficiency, and much more.

Put an end to the mysterious problems that can create a "Money Pit." • Head off potential problems as you learn to understand a home's systems. Includes enormously helpful resources: Checklists "for properly inspecting a home" Retrofit tips "to quickly resolve problems and issues" Get your copy today and gain new insights into home safety and more.

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Michael Litchfield has been renovating houses or writing about them for more than 40 years. During that time he has been a founding editor of Fine Homebuilding magazine, the author of 12 acclaimed books on home design and renovation, and editor of a CNET/Yahoo! Gold Star home improvement site. He is also a certified green building professional. ^ ROGER C. ROBINSON has been inspecting residential and commercial properties in the Bay Area since 1979 and has inspected thousands of homes. He has helped found several chapters of CREIA (California Real Estate Inspection Association) and ASHI (American Society of Home Inspectors). Roger has been the president of CREIA and has received several industry awards including the Monahan Award (highest national award) and the John Daly Award (highest state award). He has also trained scores of prominent Bay Area home inspectors, and has conducted trainings and seminars nationwide and in Canada. Roger has written numerous training manual and articles about home inspection and is a co-author of House Check: Finding and Fixing Common House Problems (Taunton Press, 2003).

Being a home inspection business owner I can say that this book is great. Real world examples and explanations, color photos and it is a great training, learning and review book. This book is written in a very good straight forward manner and the constant reference to real world inspections is very helpful. The color images are complimented with excellent drawing and illustrations which help to bring concepts home. Our business we regularly include illustrations in our reports to help clients understand concepts about defects we find, so seeing this used in this book is great. In conclusion no matter what size your inspection company is this book is a great resource. You are sure to learn more and also it is a great tool by giving you clear examples to how to explain things to your clients.

Head and shoulders above the others. Very complete, useful information, lots of on-site photos, crisp illustrations. Enough background to tell you how something should be constructed, and clear explanations about what you're seeing when you find something irregular or not-to-Code. Robinson has inspected 6000 or 7000 houses in his career and Litchfield has written a dozen books about homebuilding--a team that knows what it is talking about.

Excellent book. As a student of Home Inspection this was an Awesome choice!! I picked this up as an early read. It is sooo informative - it comes with great color pictures and diagrams and well as advice and comments that are absent in other texts. It is broken down nicely and is an easy comfortable read. This would even be a great choice for a homeowner who wants to get to know his/her house a little better. Know when things are going bad and what is and what should not be.

While I understood this to be a book for those interested in home inspection as a vocation, the authors seem to be at least as interested in advising the homeowner concerning how to repair. I did find it somewhat amusing that in the electrical area, while they repeatedly advise the reader that only licensed electricians should remove the panel cover, they often seem to advise on what to look for behind the cover. Guess one should take a pro with! Nevertheless, interesting, to say the least.

Incredible thorough and detailed. After buying several houses in the past four years, I now realize what an inadequate job all of the inspectors did. If you plan to buy a house, this book could save you a fortune.

Great resource if you are going to either buy or sell a house. Find all those little surprises you've not given even the smallest thought, and fix them before its way too late. Better you should know about it.

If you are a home inspector or are training to be one then this book will be a great addition. This book goes hand in hand with HI training material and reinforces what you will learn by taking you through a home inspection and showing you how to inspect and what to look for along with safety issues that you will encounter.

As a long-time home inspector, I found this book to be very thorough and well written. It has enough technical detail to benefit the seasoned home inspector and is accessible enough for home buyers and new home inspectors. I highly recommend this book to real estate agents. The photos and illustrations in this book are worth the price.

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