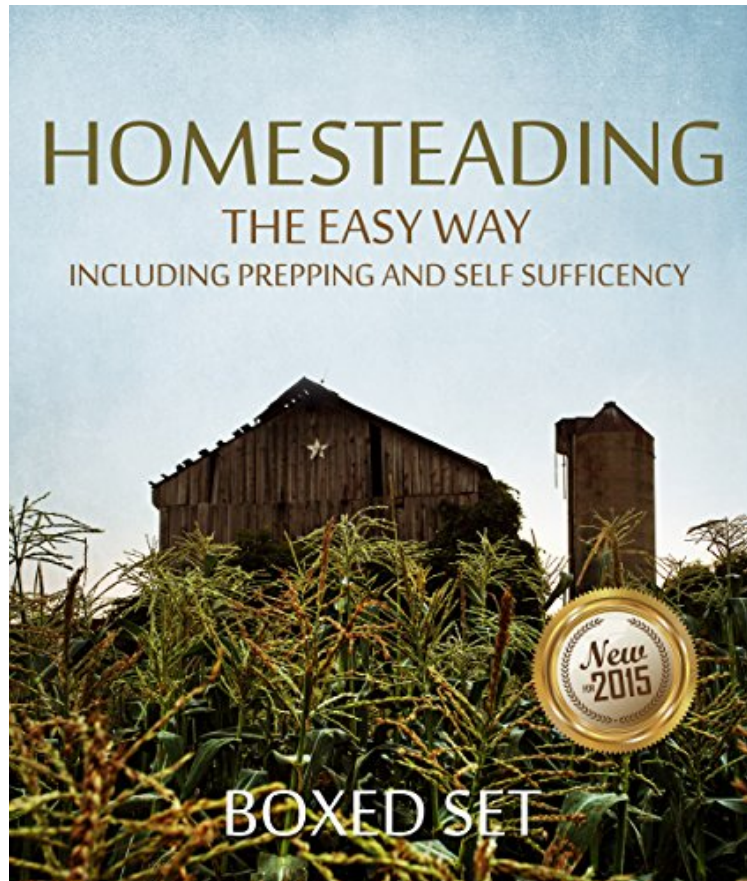


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37 of 38 people found the following review helpful. Inconsistent writing, odd ideasBy Susan Baroncini-MoePlease note that the contents of this book are identical to the contents of this one: Homesteading Made Easy (Boxed Set): Self-Sufficiency Guide for Preppers, Homesteading Enthusiasts and SurvivalistsI wanted to love this collection. Unfortunately, while I started out loving some of these books, overall the writing is inconsistent, as if each book is written by multiple authors, and the ideas are really skimpy.Irsquo;ll address each book in the series individually."Self-Sufficiency: Getting Back to the Basics"I appreciated that this book started from the premise of Idquo;self-sufficiency is something we each have to define for ourselves.rdquo; It was clear that this book wasnrsquo;t going to be about extreme prepping, itrsquo;s about helping you to decide for yourself how self-sufficient you want to be, then showing you how to get there.Buthellip;the writing isnrsquo;t good. I wish the publisher had edited the book for grammar, spelling, and seriously, just good writing. I started out loving the approachable style and the philosophy, but then the

book immediately shifted to what seemed like a completely different writer, as if the original writer just ran out of gas. Disappointing. There were some interesting tips about frugality and making your own cleaning products, but frankly, this book that's supposed to be on homesteading barely covers any of the subjects relating to homesteading. Instead of a comprehensive discussion on how to be truly self-sufficient, which is what I was promised in the introduction (and frankly, excited about), it turned into something that never really covered food preservation methods, never talked in-depth about alternative energy, and didn't include a comprehensive discussion of animal husbandry and beekeeping. Instead, there were tips on making your own cleaning products and using garbage to make crafts that sound like garbage-y crafts. Also, I want details and actual step-by-step instructions. I don't want to read a book that says, "Detailed directions can be found on the internet in numerous tutorials" or provides an idea without any "how to"; I can Google on my own, no book required. And "Use newspaper clippings as fingernail polish" is a fun idea, and I agree with the author that, "The neat thing about this is that everyone else will be trying to figure out how you got words scrawled across your nails." The problem is, so will you, because that's the last sentence in the chapter. Another example: "Gardens are not only a plot of land that is tilled, raked and planted, but a garden can be a series of large containers filled with the appropriate types of soil." Aside from the grammatical issues, note that there is no conversation about what "the appropriate types of soil" might be. It's just skipped over, like they didn't just say anything about appropriate types of soil. There are many better books on homesteading, including one of my favorites, "The Urban Homestead," which covers all of the topics I've mentioned far better and more comprehensively than this one. Moving on to "Prepping: The Ultimate Survival Guide" Note that this is called "The Guide to Surviving Any Disaster"; I really hope this isn't the guide to surviving any disaster, because if it is, we're all in trouble. Starting out, this book is problematic insofar as the assumptions about who preppers are. "Being a prepper or survivalist does seem to mean that you believe in a different kind of housing. You don't believe houses should be above ground." In some cases I imagine that's true, but come on - this book reads like a child's school report. "There are stores where you can buy a mayonnaise jar that is taller than you are." "Buying lots of food is not the only thing that preppers buy a lot of. They always seem to buy lots and lots of weapons." I had the impression that this book was a book for preppers, not a book about preppers. But in fact, this book seems written from an "outsider" perspective, as if mystified by the subculture of preppers. "What is it about some persons that they are so obsessed with the end of the world?" The Bible has a book called Revelations and it talks about how the world will end in a certain way. This is why the most religious persons are obsessed with the end of it all. Some North Americans' ancestors were the Puritans and they came to the New World, because they didn't fit into British society anymore. They came with the idea in mind that the Devil or the British or somebody else would take everything away from them. Genetics and religion are why Americans are so obsessed with the end of everything. Tell me this doesn't read like a school report, and a pretty judgey one at that. Chapter 2 was better. Less "school report" style and more useful tips. However, "simply stock up on stuff you already eat" isn't the best recommendation for a prepping book. There are quite a few food storage strategies that aren't even mentioned here, and frankly, just having a few extra things on hand isn't at all what prepping is about. Chapter 3 seemed like another completely different author wrote this section of the book. This section is more readable and even less like a child's school report than Chapter 2. As for the actual content, is it helpful? Perhaps. But rather than trying to make the zombie apocalypse "fun" with a fondue party, how about a comprehensive discussion on how to keep foods fresh in long-term storage? I found the water storage discussion and the chapter on Bug Out bags useful, but by this point, I was questioning everything the author said, due to the poor quality of writing and sketchy information in previous chapters. The remainder of the book was just a list of tips, really. The third book in this bundle is, "Homesteading and Self Sufficiency Guide for Beginners." The writing in this book is better than the others. It's still not great, but it's certainly less judgmental in nature to the previous book, and the author seems to be speaking from personal experience. The editors did a poor job of editing this book as well. The gardening chapter features an image of a first aid kit, which seems pretty inappropriate given the subject matter, an "Emergency Escape Plan" graphic in the chapter on surviving winter months, and a photo of emergency equipment in a chapter on chickens. I'm guessing the final version of this book wasn't even looked at. I actually think these images were from the previous prepper book. Chapter 8 takes a strange and abrupt departure from gardening and chicken rearing to how to make your own furniture polish, and comes accompanied by an odd photo of a woman's legs with bright red heels. It's all a bit mysterious and confusing. And suddenly, that's it. Just as abruptly as the shift in topics with the last chapter, the book ends. I hate to say this about any book, because, as an author, I understand the angst of writing. However, I cannot recommend this - not as a writer, not as an urban homesteader, not as a gardener. Sorry, but don't waste your time. Disclosure: I received this product at no charge for my honest review. I am not required to give a good review. I am also not associated with the seller in any way. This disclosure is in accordance with Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love trying new "old" ways of things By kathie newman First of all I

have to let you know I am without a doubt an "old school" type of reader. I prefer real books over kindle ones but wanted to give a couple a chance to see if I could be converted to a digital reader. I have been wanting to homestead for most of my life. I wanted to live off the land and diy for as long as I could. I love trying new "old" ways of things. It makes me remember my childhood and gives me hope of my grandson becoming self sufficient if I can teach him things. This boxed set seemed like a good place to start and would cover most bases on a beginning self sufficiency education. The set is comprised of three ebooks. The first book is entitled Self Sufficiency: Getting back to basics; how to live off the grid. It gives a very basic foundation on types of homesteading and tips on how you can save money on day to day items and repurpose items. The best part of this book is it gives some make your own cleaner recipes. I have a ton of these on pinterst and they work! The second book is titled Prepping: the ultimate survival guide. It basically gives you an outline of what to have on hand in case of an emergency. The last ebook is titled Homesteading and self sufficiency guide for beginners. It touches briefly on how and what to garden and how to keep a flock of chickens. I can't say that I learned anything new from these books but I have been reading about and doing these things for a long time. I would recommend this set to someone if they wanted a very basic overview on being a prepper and/or living off the grid before they began to read or researched further. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Something for everyone By GiltEdge Over all I found this book to be an enjoyable read. Lots of food for thought and insight regarding a lot that we take for granted in our day to day lives. I especially loved the third installment, which was Homesteading and self sufficiency guide for beginners. A step by step guide to growing your own food for self sufficiency. Written by Daisy Woodhouse. As someone with a burning desire to own hens, her in depth and on point information was invaluable. She gave good explanations and examples on food to shelter and combating all that goes along with it. The second book Prepping : the ultimate survival guide - the guide to surviving any disaster Written by Eliza Plum For me personally this book offered a wealth of knowledge and first hand experience on what is needed in disasters and how to get through it. I thought I had a pretty good understanding of what to keep on hand to get us through most everything. This book covered a lot more than what my basic understanding was. It has caused me to rethink my stock piling and survival kits. Really glad I read this. The first book Self Sufficiency: Getting back to basics How to live off the grid. by Terence A. Williams. This was a very basic read for me, covering a wide variety of general topics. A good place to start if you are giving this kind of lifestyle some thought. I kind of got hung up on leaving chapter 3 which was about living frugally, on to chapter 4 which talks about repurposing. The author speaks of collecting toilet paper rolls, I was thinking for purposes such as stuffing with dryer lint for fire starters etc, but no it was to make decorative art from. Which is cool, but I was wondering how it sort of fit with the gist of the collection. The one thing I really had trouble with was, touting frugality in the previous chapter to then going on to mention that he goes through around 1000 bottles of water a year. Being environmentally conscious and in the fit of sustainability would we not be skipping purchasing bottled water and filtering our own and using a stainless steel or glass water bottle be more earth friendly and frugal. Sadly that is the one thing I took from the book and just couldn't get past. I received a copy of this book collection complementary in exchange for my honest review

Despite all of the advances in technology, the bustling lives of city dwellers that get busier and busier, and the movement to homes where both parents work at least one job, there is a growing community of people who are turning to homesteading. The allure of homesteading can be obvious: it allows you to stay home more, be more self-sufficient, and slow down to enjoy "the simple life." However, some of the benefits may be more subtle. For example, you have a better diet and spend less money.