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***Green Building & Remodeling For Dummies*[®] Covers the Ins-and-Outs of Building Green**

December 2007 (Hoboken, NJ) – More and more consumers and homeowners are taking interest in responsible building and sustainable living, as seen on TV shows like PBS's *Building Green* and blogs like Apartment Therapy's Re-Nest. But most books about green building are targeted at professionals and experienced builders. For basic information and simple instruction, there is now a hands-on, straightforward guide from the ever-popular *For Dummies* series. ***Green Building & Remodeling For Dummies* (Wiley; Dec. 2007; \$21.99)** explains the processes in-depth, everything from examining construction sites and working with green professionals to choosing sustainable materials and reducing waste. Anyone interested in green building will find this straightforward reference useful—homeowners, architects, interior designers, and contractors alike.

The purpose of green building is to reduce energy use, conserve water, improve indoor air quality, and reduce reliance on nonrenewable natural resources. In ***Green Building and Remodeling For Dummies***, author Eric Corey Freed, an architect and LEED Accredited Professional, explains exactly what makes a building green and covers the materials, architecture, and construction methods behind the concept. Freed understands that people are looking for pro-active ways to make a difference. In the book's Introduction, he states, "Instead of making you feel guilty about the environment, this book guides you step by step toward selecting the finishes, systems, and structure to make your dream a reality."

In ***Green Building & Remodeling For Dummies***, readers will learn how to:

- ∞ Identify and choose the right green materials (and detect greenwashing)
- ∞ Put together a green team, including architects and financing people
- ∞ Work within a budget and save money
- ∞ Use green building methods (framing, natural building, & manufactured systems) and sustainable systems (energy, heating, cooling, water systems, and more)
- ∞ Qualify for the LEED Green Building Rating

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Like all *For Dummies*[®] books, *Green Building & Remodeling For Dummies* concludes with “The Part of Tens,” including ten myths about green building and remodeling, ten must-do’s for every new-home project, and ten essential green materials. A helpful “Cheat Sheet” in the front of the book includes a solar panel calculator that can be used to measure the size and cost of adding solar energy to a home, as well as a “Green Cleaners Cookbook” with recipes for making homemade cleaning products.

Build your dream green home with *Green Building & Remodeling For Dummies!*

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