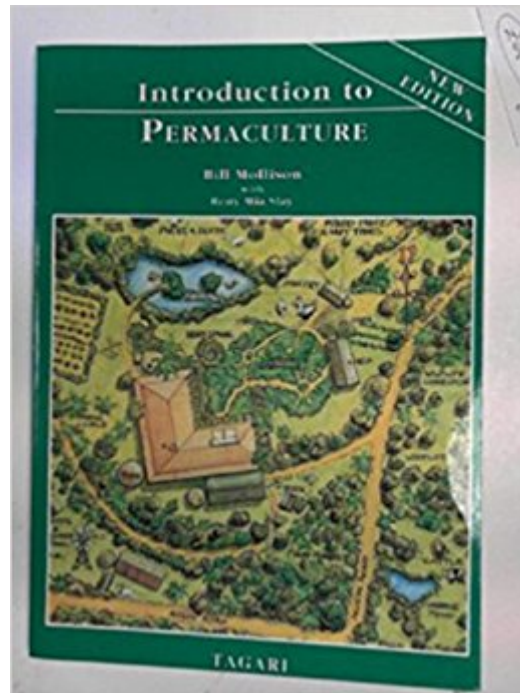




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## Customer Reviews

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This is a great introduction and overview of permaculture concepts. The book covers a lot of material for initiates to permaculture. It's sets the foundation for further reading and studies for those who want to get serious though one could take the principles learned just from this book alone and be quite successful in my opinion. You learn how the sun, wind and rain, all play an important role in siting structures like homes, sheds, barns, green and shade houses and also in garden and plant selection and placement. The book also covers designing for temperate, tropical and dry-land environments. It explains how interconnected relationships between the land, climate, soils, water, structures, flora and fauna can be fostered to the benefit of all. There are just so many creative ideas and diagrams in this book that it is worth it for those alone. The book is 8 1/4 X 11 inches with small print that fills the pages with valuable information. I want to live in the sub-tropics of Hawaii and enjoyed the coverage in this regard but, the book also left me day dreaming about living the permaculture lifestyle in other areas like the High Desert of New Mexico and the Pacific Northwest of Oregon. This book touches on all the possibilities, from the home garden with a few animals to commercial orchards, forests, animal farms, aquaculture, urban gardens and more. But don't get me

wrong, it does not cover these topics in depth, it gives a thorough introduction to these topics and an understanding that one would likely not gain by reading just one book. Also each chapter ends with a list of references for further reading. In addition there are appendices listing useful permaculture plants, such as nitrogen fixing plants. One appendix even breaks it down into useful categories, such as fruit plants and trees for temperate, topical/sub-tropical and dry areas, pest control plants and finally appendices which list hundreds of the plants mentioned in the text by common, Latin, and by species names. The book ends with a glossary of key terms used in the book and few pages about Bill Mollison (One of the founders of permaculture) and the permaculture institute including info on their 72 hour PC Design Certificate Course. This book is highly recommended!

Not the same book as advertised. I received the 2013 edition instead of the 1997 version. The newer version doesn't have as much content. It looks like what Jenn described. Her post was on March 12, 2012.

Thorough introduction to permaculture with applicable and imaginable examples. This'll get you pondering your landscape much differently

This book along with Gaia's Garden are the "bibles" of permaculture. There isn't much you need to know that you won't find here. Everything is illustrated and easy to follow and understand. I find myself referring to it all the time and love applying its explanations to my own situation as we slowly build our permaculture paradise!

Different versions with same ISBN.

This book is a quick starter for the very broad subject of Permaculture. I have Bill Mollison's original book published back in the 70's, and it is much more comprehensive. But to get your teeth into the subject, this book does very well.

Big disappointment. Reads like a technical manual with very little technical explanation. Using the word "introduction" to describe this book is inaccurate, While Mollison is key to studying permaculture, this "introduction" is a WASTE of your money. Very little explanation or philosophy and lots of line drawings with little context. Download the PDF of the larger work on design and read the first chapter and you'll have exponentially more information introducing you to permaculture than

this entire volume. I don't know who the target audience is for this work, but they didn't do beginning permaculture explorers any favors here. Buy almost any other introduction. Wish I would have spent double and gotten the larger Mollison design book. The edition I got was from Tagari publications 2nd edition 2013 and says Bill Mollison with Reny Mia Slay.

This is an excellent introduction to the whole idea of permaculture. It is primarily focused on the design/placement of structures for a house/yard, farm/fields/forests, & a village set-up to accomplish the goals of reducing work & pollution.

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