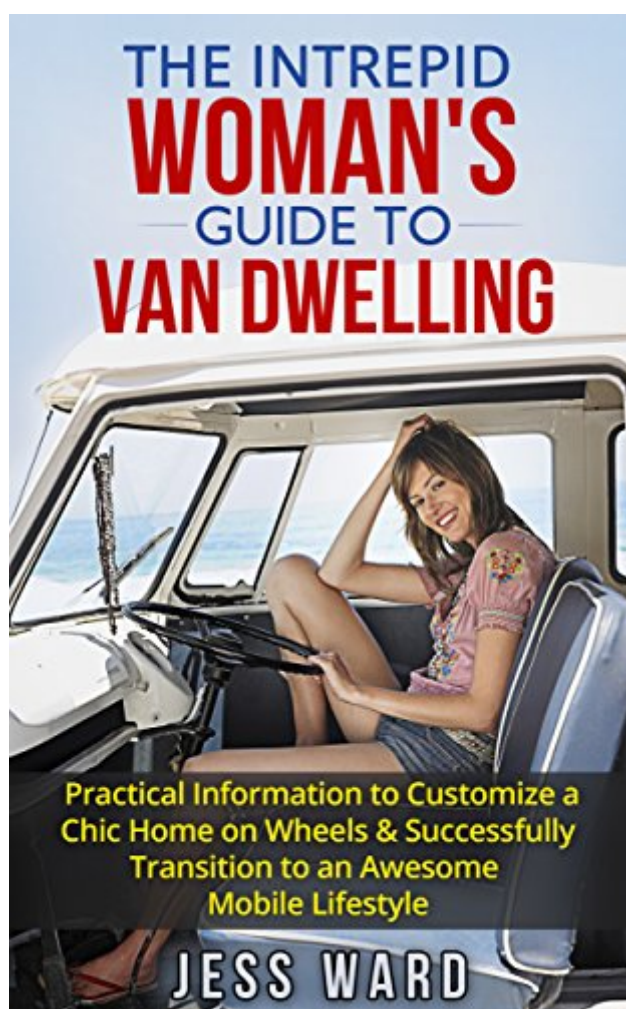


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The Intrepid Woman's Guide To Van Dwelling: Practical Information To Customize A Chic Home On Wheels & Successfully Transition To An Awesome Mobile Lifestyle



Synopsis

Calling all adventurous wonder women! Van dwelling is the ultimate ticket to limitless freedom and lifestyle flexibility. Are you gutsy enough to try it? Rouse your inner gypsy/rebel with this intimate introduction to van dwelling. It's stocked with DIY tips and tricks for turning a vehicle into a home (on any budget) and emotional resources to gracefully sidestep the psychological pitfalls of such an unconventional lifestyle. With concrete advice and personal reflection from an experienced solo van dweller, this guide thoroughly covers the basics of everyday life in a van with a refreshing twist of self-empowerment and a whole lotta sass. Topics covered inside: -- vehicle selection-- DIY ideas for customizing your mobile abode-- ventilation-- parking tips-- showering and toilet needs-- safety for solos-- earning an income-- mental health as a van dweller...and much more!

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Customer Reviews

Well, I'm shocked to be the first to offer comment on this book because usually there seems to be a smattering of what smacks of friends and family "reviews." To her credit, however, JW didn't take that route, so I already liked her for that. Having now finished the book, I definitely like the way she thinks. This is the 5th book I've read on the topic and I got a LOT out of it. Author's vehicle started

out bare bones, as I would like mine to, and through innovation (often really brilliant ideas), she created what looks to me like very workable systems and build-outs that don't add a lot of pointless weight. She did a lot of research and built a lot of it herself using sometimes creative alternate materials sources to save weight or money or both. She covers security, self protection, dispersed camping, build-outs, how she did the solar and why, and mentions details I'd wondered about but weren't covered elsewhere. I only found one thing that made me question (mechanic checking out vehicle before buying) but in her case, she trusted the seller and probably I would have also based on how that went. Lots of really good ideas. Very good writing also -- she explains how she did them, either thoroughly enough to duplicate or to conceive your own variations from. I missed not seeing photos, that's my only complaint, but her explanations were pretty darned complete. For other women considering VanDwelling alone particularly, I think this is a must read. For anyone, though, it has some really great ideas, including things you may not have thought about yet. For those contemplating minimalist RVing, I recommend this book for sure, and I strongly suspect more experienced RVers may well get plenty out of it also.

Ms Ward has the uncanny ability to weave her unique narrative and personal insights with practical information about how to prepare for and successfully live and travel in a van. Several things about this book that I found particularly appealing: The author is so creative in her approach to finding and modifying her van. She gives easy to follow details about how to convert a van into a habitation. In the end, the van becomes a character itself. Jess is a natural story teller. Her vignettes of her preparation, travels, challenges, and triumphs are well told and fun. She sprinkles her tale with gems of wisdom that far exceeded my expectations when I first began reading it. If you are a van dweller or have any interest in the world of van dwelling, get this book. It is a masterful guide to living in a van, and to being alive.

Some people choose to live in a van (aka van dwelling) due to economic realities or sense of adventure or a quest for simplification. More people could make that decision, if they knew more specifics, more details. Jess Ward's book gives those specifics, those details, also giving a sense of the behind the scenes thinking involved in successful van dwelling. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in van dwelling - even though this book is titled "Woman's Guide," the topics covered are equally applicable to both genders.

From the moment I started reading I kept thinking, 'this could be me'. I completely related to all of it.

The feelings, the job struggles, etc. I swear she's in my head. She gets me. lol Truly a fantastic book and the best inspiration so far in my ongoing journey. HIGHLY recommended for anyone, especially women, who are even 'kinda' considering this lifestyle. Worth every penny!

Good good book. This lady inspires, plus even outside of van dwelling, liveaboard, she is a keen social thinker and advanced many ideas I was unfamiliar with or that I was and found her insight to be strong. Vivid personality, taking a path that works and her reporting on it will help many others realize they can get themselves into safety and comfort too. Thanks for a good book, Jess.

Here's the deal - finding the wherewithal to embark on a year long solo odyssey requires some self analysis. Jess's book will walk you to the end of a very high diveboard and convince you to take that big leap! Her no-nonsense, experience based advice ensures that when you hit the water, you'll be ready to climb the ladder again!

I've always enjoyed the essence of a person willing to explore the unknown. Van Dwelling would have given Jack Kerouac's 'on the road' a beautiful spin. The informational side in this book of Van Dwelling is sure to reward anyone looking to hit the road. But more intriguing for the general reader is an opportunity to ride along and gain the experience of a uniquely honorable endeavor. You can read the sample and know this author, Jess Ward, is not your average person. Take the leap and journey with a read into philosophical awareness. Great Read... \$2.99!! I'll keep my eyes open for a follow up book that reads "the Adventures of Betty White". A tell all, or fiction that tells stories of traveling the U.S. in a Van During the Internet age. What a slice in history.

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