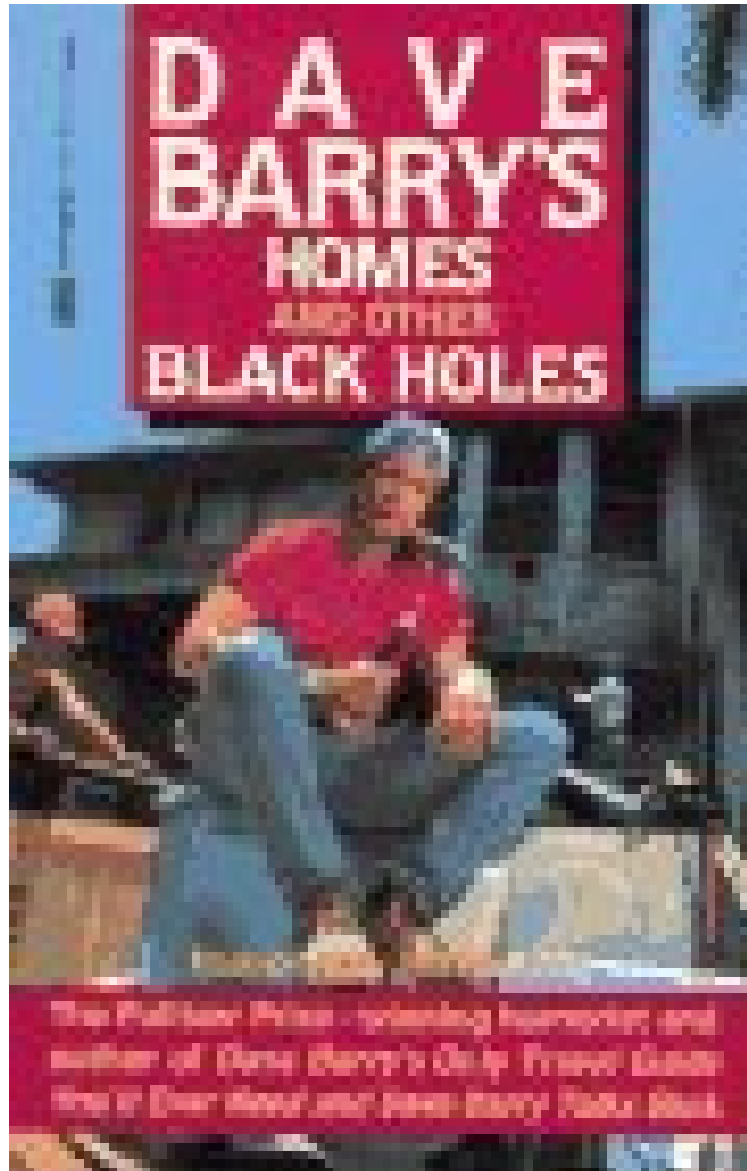


(Online library) Homes and Other Black Holes

Homes and Other Black Holes

Dave Barry

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#650504 in Books 1988-08-12 1988-08-12Ingredients: Example IngredientsOriginal language:EnglishPDF #1 8.25 x 5.25 x .50l, #File Name: 0449902749109 pages | File size: 79.Mb

Dave Barry : Homes and Other Black Holes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Homes and Other Black Holes:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another Barry GemBy Burnsville BobThis book was written in 2000, which explains some of the dated political and pop culture references, but is hilarious still. For me, Barry never disappoints. There's an out-loud laugh on every page...and some useful information on top of it. If you've ever moved

anywhere - or plan to - read this! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fall-On-The-Floor Hilarious! By Maureen Allen Do NOT read if trying to get to sleep! You not only will NOT doze off, you will be unable to catch your breath from laughing so hard! Your neighbors may call the authorities when your guffaws exceed the Disturbing-The-Peace decibel level! Actually, I evidently passed out with laughter, because I awakened still holding the Kindle and grinning ear to ear. If you have ever in your life bought a home, you must read this, possibly Dave Barry's best book--which is saying something. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By susie m tanner liked it

"Mr. Barry is the funniest man in America and we should encourage him." THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW At long last, Dave Barry, the dean of everything, lets you in on the deepest, darkest mysteries of life and answers your hysterical home purchase questions like they've never been answered before.

.com Time for Q A with Dave Barry about that age-old question: "What do I need to know before I buy a house?": Q: What's the best way to determine a realistic price range? A: Take your total annual family income, including coins that have fallen behind the bureau, and any projected future revenue you may have been notified about via personalized letters from Mr. Ed McMahon stating that you may have already won 14 million dollars. Then, multiply by something other than 6. Q: Is there a secret to having a beautiful lawn? A: Yes and no. If you fail to feed, fertilize, and water your lawn, it will die. However, if you feed, fertilize, and water your lawn, it will die. Q: How can I avoid spending money on do-it-yourself homeowner's projects? A: Find a contractor. Their silent motto is "We Never Show Up." The Romans lived among ruins. You must too. Q: What do 1) "charming" and 2) "newly renovated" mean in house ads? A: That's easy! 1) Rooms the size of nasal spray cartons, and 2) that the walls have been pretty well scraped clean in the room where the demonic beings from another dimension came through the TV set and caused the previous occupant's heads to explode. I've been avoiding buying a house for years, and after reading this book, I am convinced I have made the right decision. From Publishers Weekly The author of *Babies and Other Hazards of Sex* finds humor in all the assorted miseries of homeownership, from deciding which house to buy ("Take your total annual family income, including coins that have fallen behind the bureau . . .") and dealing with real estate brokers (who always insist that "there is virtually nothing, outside of the Third World, available in your Price Range") to moving ("WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH JENNIFER?"). "Getting Some Fool to Buy Your House" is only one of the many helpful chapters. There is a guide to mortgages fixed-rate, variable-rate and the mortgage whose rate is based on what order the teams finish in the National League East, and so on and a section on how to move pets (crates have their drawbacks) and children (crates don't work here either). The only thing worse than dealing with contractors, maintains Barry, is doing-it-yourself, for it will cost a small fortune for someone to undo what you did. There are aspects of this book that crackle with the wit of a Woody Allen routine ("How to Get Very Deeply into Debt") and there are parts that verge on slapstick ("Finding Somebody to Fix Your Car") but the humor is all good and pleasantly funny. Illustrations by the Pulitzer-Prize-winning creator of "Shoe" are amusing accompaniments. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap "Mr. Barry is the funniest man in America and we should encourage him." THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW At long last, Dave Barry, the dean of everything, lets you in on the deepest, darkest mysteries of life and answers your hysterical home purchase questions like they've never been answered before.