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Here comes the sun — learn to evaluate your solar potential, plot your sun charts, calculate payback on your investment, and install your solar system

Practical applications — get easy-to-follow information on how to use solar energy in a variety of projects inside and outside your home

Exploring full-scale photovoltaic systems — discover the benefits of powering your home with a PV system, understand how the system works, and find out how to install one

Building, retrofitting, and selling — get practical guidance on building a solar-powered home from the ground up, installing solar in an existing home, and selling your solar home

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- Ways to evaluate your solar potential
- Small- and medium-sized DIY projects
- Advice on analyzing solar investments
- An introduction to building codes and regulations
- Ways to take advantage of your lot's features
- Information on installing PV systems
- The ten best solar investments

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