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“...this book is the perfect companion for an architect, historian or novice.” –*At Home Arkansas*

“...a comprehensive look at the process of building and restoring with this staple of early American architecture...” –*Kitchen & Bath Design News*

From the Back Cover

Meet the Original Log Cabin

The hewn-log house is a classic of early American architecture, evocative of the pioneer experience and westward exploration. Charles McRaven has been building and restoring hewn-log houses for 60 years, and shares his wealth of knowledge in folksy narration accompanied by photography and illustrations that clearly show every step of the process. Whether you're restoring an old house, building anew, or indulging an interest in traditional building, you'll find much to learn from McRaven's experience, gleaned from a lifetime of trial and error.

Learn To:

- * Hew a log with a broadaxe
- * Make a dovetail notch
- * Replace rotten logs
- * Mix chinking mortar and install it properly
- * Find and use vintage logs
- * Use pioneer hand tools
- * Build a stone foundation and fireplace
- * Install modern utilities

About the Author

Charles McRaven is a stonemason and blacksmith, nationally known for building and repairing dozens of stone structures and log homes. He has written extensively on stone, including the books *Building with Stone* and *Stonework*, and articles for *Country Journal*, *Fine Homebuilding*, and many regional magazines. He lectures and conducts workshops and private courses in stone construction. Charles lives in Virginia.

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