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### **Review**

'An invaluable text that provides a balance of house construction history along with current techniques that is simple to read and understand. A great resource for those students commencing their studies in construction, property and surveying and it is an essential book for all students in the Department.'

**Kevin Thomas, Head of Department of Property and Surveying, Northumbria University, UK**

'Its presentation is more akin to an excellent series of lectures than to a technical manual. Not only does it not overwhelm you with unnecessary detail but it also explains the underlying reasons for the use of the various technologies - precisely what is required for success in university exams, and the feature most neglected by the traditional texts. The authors also possess that rare quality amongst textbook writers - the ability to put themselves in the position of someone who is new to a subject, and to explain it logically, and in exactly the right level of detail.'

**Dr Paul Chynoweth, Programme Leader, Doctorate in the Built Environment, University of Salford, UK**

*'The Construction of Houses* was my first text book when I went up to university; I still have it on the shelf in my office and, from my scribbled notes on the pages, I can see that I have referred to it many times over the years. The book has been an invaluable reference tool for me, and I thoroughly recommend this new edition to both students and practitioners.'

**Sarah Bryant B.Sc (Hons) MRICS, Estate Surveyor for Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, UK**

'A must read for students of the construction disciplines at all levels and a go to reference source for practicing professionals. In the 5<sup>th</sup> and latest evolution of this book the authors have provided us with a wealth of new and updated content. Refreshing the basics of house construction and adding the sustainability dimension in a way that does not make it a bolt-on, but integrates it into the technology, techniques and terminology that originally established this book as a leading text on domestic construction. An all-round worthy update to its predecessors.'

**Paul Laycock, Senior Lecturer, Birmingham City University, UK**

### **From the Back Cover**

Aimed specifically at those students and practitioners who require a broad understanding of building construction as part of a wider sphere of professional activity.

The book provides a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practice of modern construction and services. In addition most chapters contain information on earlier construction techniques to reflect the age profile of the UK housing stock.

This fourth edition has a revised text and hundreds of revised graphics, new illustrations and photos, an additional chapter on concrete housing, and an eight page colour section showing a series of photographs of a modern housing development.

This book is the recommended construction text at a number of colleges and universities. It concentrates on principles and practice rather than details and regulations. In doing so it should enable the reader to demonstrate a comprehensive and genuine understanding of modern house construction and its evolution over the last 100 years.

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