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Old campers have an appeal that reaches back in time and can send your imagination soaring. Let's face it: they are cool. Who hasn't seen one parked on a boulevard with a "for sale" sign and pictured it bouncing along behind the family car, ready for adventure and fun?

Unfortunately, campers are not quite homes, they are not quite cars, and they have their own unique systems and demands that make fixing and upgrading a challenge. Even if you have plenty of DIY experience, a camper speaks a foreign language. Consider *Camper Rehab* your Rosetta Stone for the language of Shasta, Dutchmen, or Airstream.

This book is a top-to-bottom guide to getting a fifth-wheel, teardrop, or other camper trailer ready for the road and beyond. From basic troubleshooting to electrical and plumbing projects, replacing interior surfaces, and clever (sometimes "retro") decorating ideas, this book uses detailed illustrations, color photography, and a wealth of step-by-step, how-to information to get help you get your travel trailer into shape for your next big--or little--adventure.

And in case you haven't pulled the trigger on that trailer you're eying on Craigslist just yet, *Camper Rehab* also walks you through the process of evaluating a potential purchase, identifying which issues are fixable and which are dealbreakers, as well as how to spot hidden problems. Written by accomplished DIY author Chris Peterson, whose light and approachable tone is coupled with the hardworking DIY information you need, *Camper Rehab* is a must-have for any camper owner or dreamer.

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Laura Reading says

This book gives a very good overview of the different types of campers and recreational vehicle options. A good discussion of what to consider before you spend a lot of money on your choice. I loved the photos. It really put me in the mood to take on more than one rehab challenge.

The instructions seemed very thorough and I look forward to tackling some rehab projects this spring.

Amy says

The title might not best reflect the wealth and breadth of information in this book. It is really a wonderful go-to guide and "must read" before you make the leap into a camper purchase. It does have some helpful hints about rehab itself, but I found it to be a great primer to read before you take the plunge. Also a great resource for repairs for those of us who already have one.

Randal White says

Who hasn't dreamed of hitting the open road to see the sights? When I was younger, it was much easier, all I needed was a car, a tent, or maybe even just a bedroll. But, alas, as we age, we no longer want to sleep on the hard ground, in the elements. We start looking for a camper to explore in. And unless you are wealthy, you probably cannot afford to shell out many thousands of dollars to buy one. So what to do? Peterson offers that you should look for a used camper, one that you can even rehab to your own particular tastes.

In this book, he discusses what you need to buy, repair, and upgrade your travel trailer. There are chapters on what to look for in a used camper. How to examine the exterior, the "systems", the interior, and how to maintain the camper. He finishes with some examples of what can be done.

A bit simplistic, this would be of benefit to someone thinking about purchasing a used camper. It's a good starting point. However, I would caution that, if you are serious about it, a good second opinion of a qualified camper mechanic would be recommended.

Samantha says

This was a very good guide to buying a used trailer and fixing it up.

I'm not planning to buy a vintage trailer, just a used one, but this book was very useful in general.

It has check lists for buying a used trailer. It has a pro/con comparison of different kinds of trailers and different brands.

It has explanations of the trailer systems, interior and exterior, and parts, with labeled diagrams.

The book also has instructions on replacing and repairing interior and exterior features of a camper, such as flooring, cabinets, windows, rubber roof, appliances, and many others.

There are also maintenance suggestions with suggested time periods and it even says when to go to an expert instead of trying to do it yourself (wiring, plumbing).

I liked it so much, I'm going to buy one and bring it with me on my hunt for a used trailer.

Leyla Johnson says

For anyone who is interested in reclaiming an older caravan this is the perfect book for you. I have seen some fabulous interiors which have been revamped with care and honour to the period. I personally have loved the very retro 50s caravans and the teardrop trailer.

This book is not only about interior, it is about soundness, about fixing and restoring, and roadworthiness. It is a step by step explanation and information from start to finish - which is owning your own reclaimed movable home.
