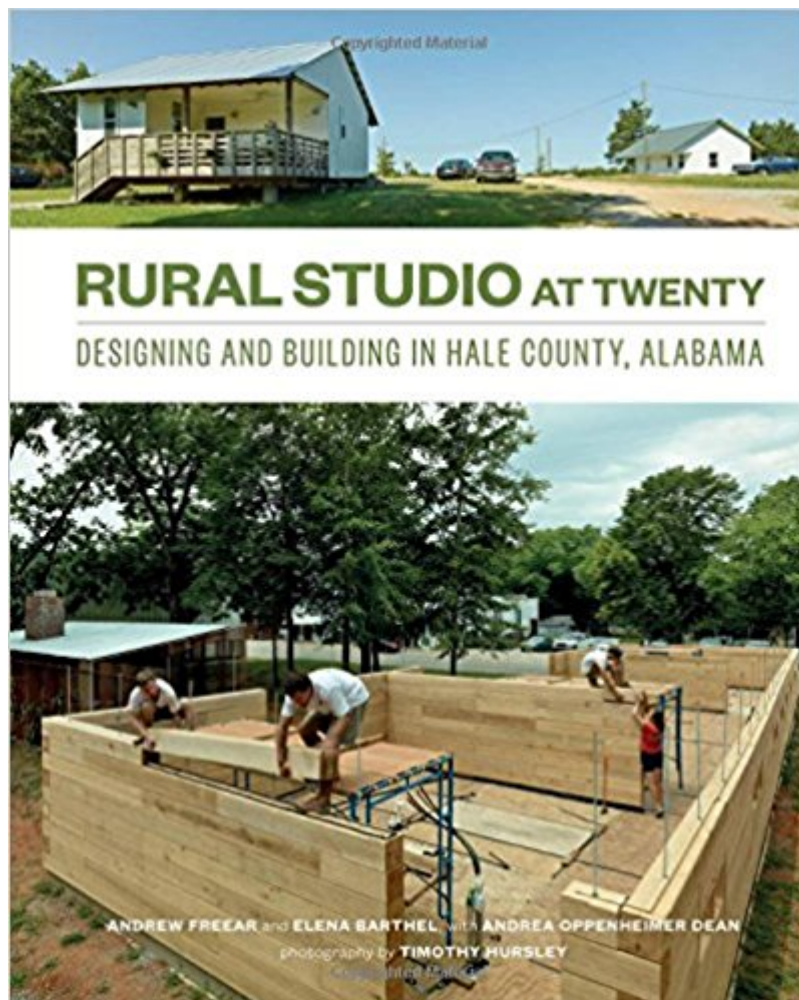




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Like the first book on the Rural Studio this edition does not disappoint. The Rural Studio builds homes for folks who cannot afford a traditional home. They utilize materials that are on hand and they get pretty creative. It's a good and inspiring read.

I know many of the educators and supporters mentioned in this book. This history fills in all the gaps. The photography is excellent. I think the book accurately describes the history and evolution

of the Rural Studio and all the exceptional people who make it work.

Great book and really enjoy reading about the project.

I remember first hearing about Samuel Mockbee unfortunately right after he passed away in my introduction to design course while an undergrad. The brief introduction about Sambo and the work he created with Rural Studio left a lasting impression on me and I am thrilled, the program is still going strong. The book is fantastic and is highly recommended!

My son is an architect who spent a quarter at the Rural Studio. It was a very special time for him. This book is a reminder of a unique educational experience.

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Great addition to my library. The college program described is and will be essential in providing interesting and affordable housing for the future.

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