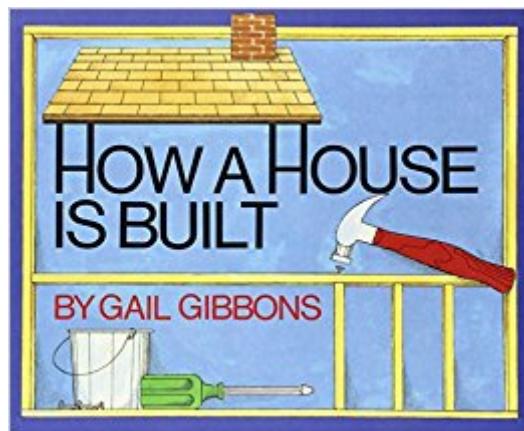


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# How A House Is Built



## **Synopsis**

From the architect's plans to the landscaping.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

As readers quickly comprehend, building a house is a complex project requiring the cooperative efforts of many people. With her usual skill, Gibbons makes the process easy to understand.

Beginning with the architect who draws the plans, readers meet the surveyors, equipment operators, carpenters, plumbers, and other people who produce a building. The book concludes with a family moving in, ready to make the house a home. Although children in some parts of the country will not relate specifically to houses with basements or septic systems, *How a House Is Built* provides basic, general information without oversimplifying. The illustrations are typical of Gibbons' style: bright colors, clean lines, and captions where necessary to define unfamiliar terms. Women are well represented in many non-traditional roles but not much racial diversity is shown. An appended page encourages comparison of modern frame houses to simple houses of the past.

*Building a House* (Greenwillow, 1981) by Byron Barton offers less detailed information for younger children. --Jeanette Larson, Mesquite Pub. Lib., TXCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gail Gibbons has published close to fifty distinguished nonfiction titles with Holiday House. According to "The Washington Post", "Gail Gibbons has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children's writer-illustrator." She lives in Vermont. Her website is [www.gailgibbons.com](http://www.gailgibbons.com)

Very good explanation and extremely detailed drawings of a construction project and the intricacies of building, each page featuring a close up of a portion of the project and work vehicles. It is similar to a Where's Waldo format from years ago (I am the Grammy now) and our 2.5 year old grandson enjoys showing me a "funny part" like a banana peel dropped in the road, a worker tripping over paint bucket, or one who is dangling precariously while working. Adaptable to reading for a young boy who loves all things construction as well as a 6 year old who grasps advanced concepts.

This is a great explanation of the steps that go into building a house. Good for any kid who is obsessed with construction or whose family is getting ready to build. It's geared toward kids, but an adult can learn a thing or two from it as well.

I would recommend this for the 8 and under crowd. An 8 year old may find the style a bit simple but the words and definitions of the workers involved will be enough to suit their fancy. The 5/6 and under crowd will probably need a little help with the longer job titles and whatnot. However, I can really see this book as being an excellent resource for a family to read together with the smaller kiddos if they are building or renovating a house. Also, the budding builders will find this a lot of fun too and I'm sure there will be a segment of children that reread this one over and over again. Pretty cool and highly recommended!JTG

Amazing step by step process, using real vocabulary of house-building! Adults will learn things, too! :) Beautiful illustrations!

Since my daughter started to ask "why" and "how" so much more these days, I have found myself in what I consider the difficult position of reducing my wordiness in order to give explanations. I read to my daughter every day and have started to include some non-fiction to address this. This book and others by the author are a great solution for connecting with young readers and those not reading yet. Gail Gibbons provides a succinct step-by-step discussion of the process of house building

without oversimplified or complicated information. Her other books are just as concise and inviting. I find so many other non-fiction children's books too wordy and too confusing to follow. Such books detract from their original purpose, and my daughter is easily distracted. However, she chooses Gibbon's books over and over and gets excited about being able to explain the process back to me in her own way-- that's the ultimate test. This book definitely passes!

My preschool class loved this book! Gail Gibbons is a great author who always integrates factual information with attention grabbing illustrations. This was another good book for vocabulary building, that discussed the process behind building a house.

Gail Gibbons is great when it comes to explaining the way things are to kids.

Super book with great illustrations! My class will love it!

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