

# Building a Straw Bale House: The Red Feather Construction Handbook

A new book describing Red Feather's mission, history and process is now widely available through Princeton Architectural Press and Chronicle Books. *Building A Straw Bale House* provides information on Red Feather Development Group's history and mission as well as the straw bale construction process—an inexpensive, environmentally-sound, easily-constructed, and downright beautiful form of building.

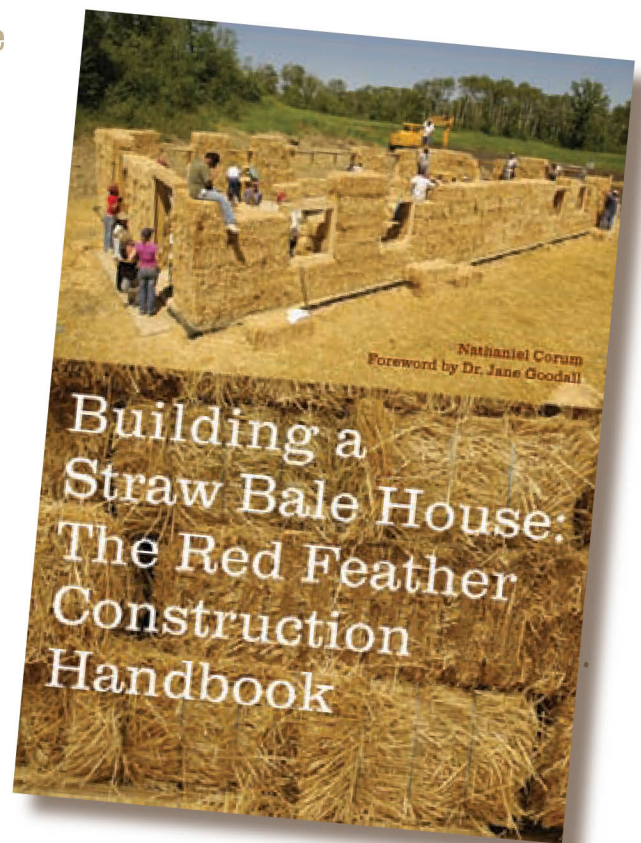
In addition to providing an easy-to-follow manual for straw bale builders, *Building a Straw Bale House* includes sections on safety, design, tools, and materials, as well as case studies picked from past Red Feather projects. Moreover, the book contains the story of Red Feather itself, as well as a history of straw bale construction, so as to introduce both the nonprofit and straw bale technology to a wider audience.

“This book is a timely and important tool for the empowerment of communities facing housing deficits. The Red Feather project is extremely important; it is truly making a difference.”

—Jane Goodall

“In *Building a Straw Bale House*, [Red Feather] . . . has created a lucid, rational volume that confers on straw construction a lifesaving gravitas. Using a step-by-step format that's succinct yet comprehensive enough for field use . . . the rare how-to book that adds its voice to the dialogue on the global housing crisis . . . With the help of evocative color photographs, the communal exercise becomes the pan-cultural equivalent of a barn-raising.”

—Architecture Magazine, November 2005



## About the Book

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