

The book was found

# Breaking Through Concrete: Building An Urban Farm Revival



## Synopsis

People have always grown food in urban spaces—on windowsills and sidewalks, and in backyards and neighborhood parks—but today, urban farmers are leading an environmental and social movement that transforms our national food system. To explore this agricultural renaissance, brothers David and Michael Hanson and urban farmer Edwin Marty document twelve successful urban farm programs, from an alternative school for girls in Detroit, to a backyard food swap in New Orleans, to a restaurant supply garden on a rooftop in Brooklyn. Each beautifully illustrated essay offers practical advice for budding farmers, such as composting and keeping livestock in the city, decontaminating toxic soil, even changing zoning laws.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 200 pages

Publisher: University of California Press (January 30, 2012)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0520270541

ISBN-13: 978-0520270541

Product Dimensions: 8 x 0.8 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.8 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 2 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #501,071 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #45 in Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Materials & Material Science > Concrete #80 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Gardening & Landscape Design > By Technique > Urban #295 in Books > Science & Math > Agricultural Sciences > Sustainable Agriculture

## Customer Reviews

"There's a conviction among many sustainable agriculture advocates that the best way to move agriculture forward is to look back. The hope is to return to an exalted era in agriculture, to the kind of rural scene fit for a Rockwell painting or a Shaker Village—to food grown the old fashioned way. *Breaking Through Concrete* is not that, which is exactly the point. This ode to urban farming is not nostalgic (those are skyscrapers in the background, not silos), but instructive. It's a beautiful, gritty and very real portrait of the possibilities for the future of food." — Dan Barber, Executive Chef & Co-owner of Blue Hill  
"A road map to the future of America. A blueprint of possibilities. A book full of remarkable stories of neighborhood visionaries, stories of people who grow community in their gardens. Where others see trouble, they see food and hope." — NPR's Kitchen

Sisters"Finally, a book on the full continuum of urban agriculture in America, replete with inspiring images of the people and places behind today's city-grown food. Hanson and Marty tell these stories with such admiration for their subjects you'll want to bestow hero status to city farmers." • Darrin Nordahl, author of *Public Produce: The New Urban Agriculture*; *Breaking Through Concrete* will satisfy readers hungry for a broad perspective on urban agriculture. The beautiful stories and photographs of successful programs throughout North America, combined with practical "how to" guides, provides a valued resource for practitioners, advocates, scholars, and gardeners. • Laura Lawson, author of *City Bountiful: A Century of Community Gardening in America*

David Hanson is a freelance writer and photographer. Edwin Marty is founder of Jones Valley Urban Farm in Birmingham, Alabama. Michael Hanson is an award-winning travel photographer. Mark Winne is the author of *Food Rebels*, *Guerrilla Gardeners* and *Smart-Cookin' Mamas: Fighting Back in an Age of Industrial Agriculture*.

This is a very informative book. I was not aware of what was going on in urban farming and definitely see a future for this type of food production. It won't feed the masses but does give a healthy alternative to those who want it. The various projects are all different and use local resources very well. I liked the "how tos" at the end of each chapter. Several friends who are into organic food more than I am were excited about the potential this book has to change thinking.

This is a thrilling walk through of 12 U.S urban farms, how they operate, what their goals are, and how more can imitate things that they are doing in their own city. Coupled with beautiful imagery of the grit and life that surround the noble endeavors of the North American city farmer.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

*Breaking Through Concrete: Building an Urban Farm Revival* A Beginner's Urban Survival Prepping Guide: Basic Urban Self Defense Guide And Survival Tips in the Prepping Urban Environment (The Prepper's Urban survival ... A Beginner's Urban Survival Prepping ACI 318.2-14: Building Code Requirements for Concrete Thin Shells (ACI 318.2-14) and Commentary on Building Code Requirements for Concrete Thin Shells (ACI 318.2R-14) *Urban Homesteading: Become a Self Sustainable Urban Homesteader to Get off the Grid, Grow Food, and Free Yourself* (Urban Homesteading: A Complete Guide ... a Self Sustainable Urban Homesteader) *Crazy Is My Superpower: How I Triumphed by Breaking Bones, Breaking Hearts, and Breaking the Rules* The

Concrete House: Building Solid, Safe & Efficient with Insulating Concrete Forms Faith in Divine Unity and Trust in Divine Providence: The Revival of the Religious Sciences Book XXXV (The Revival of the Religious Sciences, Book 35) VISIONS OF EDEN: ENVIROMENTALISM, URBAN PLANNING, AND CIT (URBAN LIFE & URBAN LANDSCAPE) RSMMeans Concrete and Masonry Cost Data 2014 (Means Concrete & Masonry Cost Data) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Concrete & Masonry, 4th Edition: Build with Concrete, Brick, Block & Natural Stone (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Proportioning Concrete Mixtures and Mixing and Placing Concrete (Classic Reprint) Concrete, From Archeology to Invention, 1700â “1769: The Renaissance of Pozzolana and Roman Construction Techniques (Treatise on Concrete) Textile Reinforced Concrete (Modern Concrete Technology) Fracture Mechanics of Concrete: Applications of Fracture Mechanics to Concrete, Rock and Other Quasi-Brittle Materials Backyard Farming: Your Guide to Building the Ultimate Self Sustainable Backyard Mini Farm (Backyard Farming Essentials - Mini Farming - Urban Gardening - Self Sustainability - Backyard Homestead) The Complete Guide to Building Classic Barns, Fences, Storage Sheds, Animal Pens, Outbuildings, Greenhouses, Farm Equipment, & Tools: A Step-by-Step ... (Back-To-Basics) (Back to Basics: Building) Breaking Bad Habits: 11 Steps to Freedom (addiction, food addiction, sugar addiction, gambling addiction, addiction recovery, habits, breaking bad habits) Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence: The Story of New York’s African Burial Ground (Coretta Scott King Author Honor Books) Puppy Training: The full guide to house breaking your puppy with crate training, potty training, puppy games & beyond (puppy house breaking, puppy housetraining, ... dog tricks, obedience training, puppie) Building the Timber Frame House: The Revival of a Forgotten Art

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)