

BOOK REVIEW

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"AN ENERGY SAVING ALASKAN HOUSE: How to Live Warm at 50 Degrees Below!"

by **Walt Pedersen, Box 28, Sterling, Alaska, 99672**

Price: \$4.00

28 Pages

This short booklet by Walt Pedersen gives all the basic designs for a one-bedroom "retirement house. Walt is a life-long Alaskan (member of the Cook Inlet Region) who has built and lived in several types of houses in his lifetime. He speaks from experience.

Part of his plan is to have a house facing in such a way that it takes full advantage of any sunlight in the winter, but will remain cool on hot summer days. He goes into detail on what he has discovered about insulation, vapor barriers, drain lines, plumbing and electrical systems in an Alaskan house. I have shown the booklet to some people who teach home construction and they were impressed with his insights and suggestions.

If anyone is planning a house in a rural area, and wants to get some good ideas or tips on what and what not to do, the \$4.00 investment is well worthwhile. It may be that those who are designing houses for some of the villages might find this booklet useful for their planning.