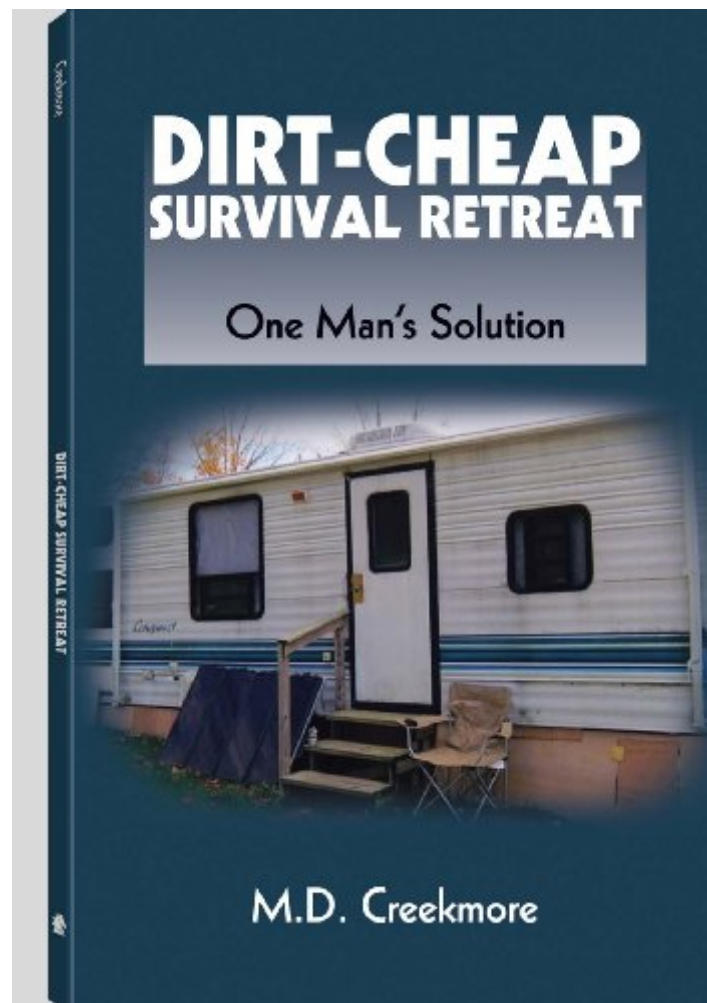




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Dirt-Cheap Survival Retreat: One Man's Solution



Synopsis

The standard survival retreat advice has always been to find a remote place in Idaho or Montana, with at least 20 acres, a 2,000-square-foot log cabin and a bunker underneath, a barn, pastureland, and a stream running through the property. But how many of us can afford such a spread without a crippling mortgage? If you can't make the hefty payments on your survival retreat, the bankers will evict you, leaving you worse off than those who failed to prepare in the first place. M.D.

Creekmore's motivation for finding a low-cost retreat was the need to live on a lot less money after he lost his job and got divorced. He started living in a travel trailer, parked on two acres he'd bought a few years back to use as a campsite and bug-out location, never dreaming he'd be living there full time. But he has called his trailer home for the past four years and says that "for the first time in my life, I'm actually content." Living off the grid in a travel trailer isn't for everyone. But if you are looking for a way to own a debt-free home and enjoy the security that comes with it here's the author's dirt-cheap plan for finding suitable land; buying a used trailer; securing it against the elements and intruders; providing alternative power sources; dealing with water and waste issues; maximizing your space; and establishing a workable storage system for food, water, medicine, tools, and other equipment. The good news is that the author has done the hard part for you.

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Customer Reviews

This is an inexpensive book. One might think the expectations for something so humble might be pretty low and in most cases they'd be right. If you're looking for solutions blueprinted and handed to you on a silver platter, this is not that kind of book. Rather, it's a book full of food for thought, that will inspire you to think of your own solutions and offer a few helpful pointers in the right direction. If you anticipate ever needing to use your trailer for more than just weekend outings and might potentially need to use it as a residence for a period of weeks or months, then this book is worth having. It will inspire you to see things from a resident point of view rather than a camper point of view.

Bought a copy for myself (part of the semi-rural homestead library) and enjoyed it so much, I bought a copy for my brother in Colorado! Very down-to-earth practical information presented in his very entertaining writing style . For example in the "Security" chapter after discussing various security alarms & devices, he recommends dogs as great for warning when someone is near. He has four (including a pit bull) but "my best watchdog is a Chihuahua mix. Anything she sees, hears or smells out of the ordinary starts her barking and pacing in circles. I think it is more important for a dog to bark than attack an intruder...." [Something we've had confirmed by our local police, neighborhood watch and personal experience when our two dogs made enough noise to stop burglars breaking into our house after they smashed a side window to get in.] Also loved his take on "Firearms for Self-Sufficiency and Protection", broken out by budget in categories such as the "I Work at Walmart", "Two Jobs & Maxed Credit Card" and "Yuppie Survival" arsenals. Down to earth and VERY tight budget scenario for an off-grid, cheap & very livable way to have your own place and weather whatever economic or natural disasters may come. As he says in the Overview, "If you OWE for your property, you don't OWN your property....owning a trailer on "junk" land is far better than the 20-acre retreat [with a 2000 square foot cabin, with a bunker underneath, a barn, pastureland, and a stream running through it] lost to foreclosure after job loss or economic collapse." Highly recommended, a slim volume that is a great bargain for the price!

There are people who have seemingly unlimited funds to purchase whatever goodies they want. This book is not written for them, though they could glean some great ideas from this book. It's really written for the rest of us, those who have limited incomes but still want to go off grid and live

comfortably*.Creekmore writes with a very down to earth style. He gets right to the point. He didn't fill this book with fluff -- this book is written from experience -- he actually lives the life and walks the walk. I live 100% off grid, and have done everything on the cheap, I've lived this way since Dec '07, I can tell you that this book has some useful ideas and info. You can learn more about me and my off grid life by viewing my .com profile.This book covers most all of the bases, I say most only because there is always something that could be added no matter how complete a book might be. You will learn about buying land cheaply, how to get shelter, how to power your place, this is something that can get expensive, but Creekmore tells you how to do it on the cheap. He also tells you how to deal with waste and sanitation, about security, food, water and more.This isn't about being a hermit living in a cave, wearing skins and eating worms, Creekmore does use modern technology, lights, radio, computer... he just does it smarter, and he is sharing this info with the rest of the world in this book, hopefully so that the reader will have a head start on what to do and what not to do.The part that I found very interesting is the security section, a couple of the ideas are the kind that make you slap yourself in the head and say "Why didn't I think of that???" I also like the section on how to find cheap land. Without that, you probably will not be able to even get started living anywhere on the cheap.Whether you already own raw land and just want to know how to get started living cheaply, or you are just thinking about doing this, I highly recommend this book. Thanks Creekmore for sharing your life and experiences with the rest of us.*Comfort is in the eye of the beholder, I'm not talking posh with all the latest bells and whistles, I'm talking about living on your own land, with shelter, food, water, sanitation, electricity and electronics, the basics that are needed and wanted to live "comfortably".

I had been eagerly looking forward to receiving this book, and as soon as I got it in today's mail I read it cover to cover in less than an hour and a half, all the while taking notes throughout. It was an excellent and easy read. For the type of lifestyle outlined in the book, the author covers everything you need to know, and then some. But I think anyone, whether you plan on living in a travel trailer or not, would find this book helpful. The writing is clear, concise, and easily understandable. I am a single divorced mom, completely clueless when it comes to anything "technical", and yet after reading this book even I felt reassured that if I had to do everything on my own, I'd manage ok. I have been researching what I thought was cheap off-grid bugout land for quite some time now, but with no luck. However, after reading "Dirt-Cheap Survival Retreat: One Man's Solution" I now think I had been aiming way too high on the acreage (15-20 acres min). I now plan to look for REALLY cheap land, just a few acres, and see what I can find. I might even check out some travel trailers!

This is definitely a worthwhile book to have in your self-sufficiency library!

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