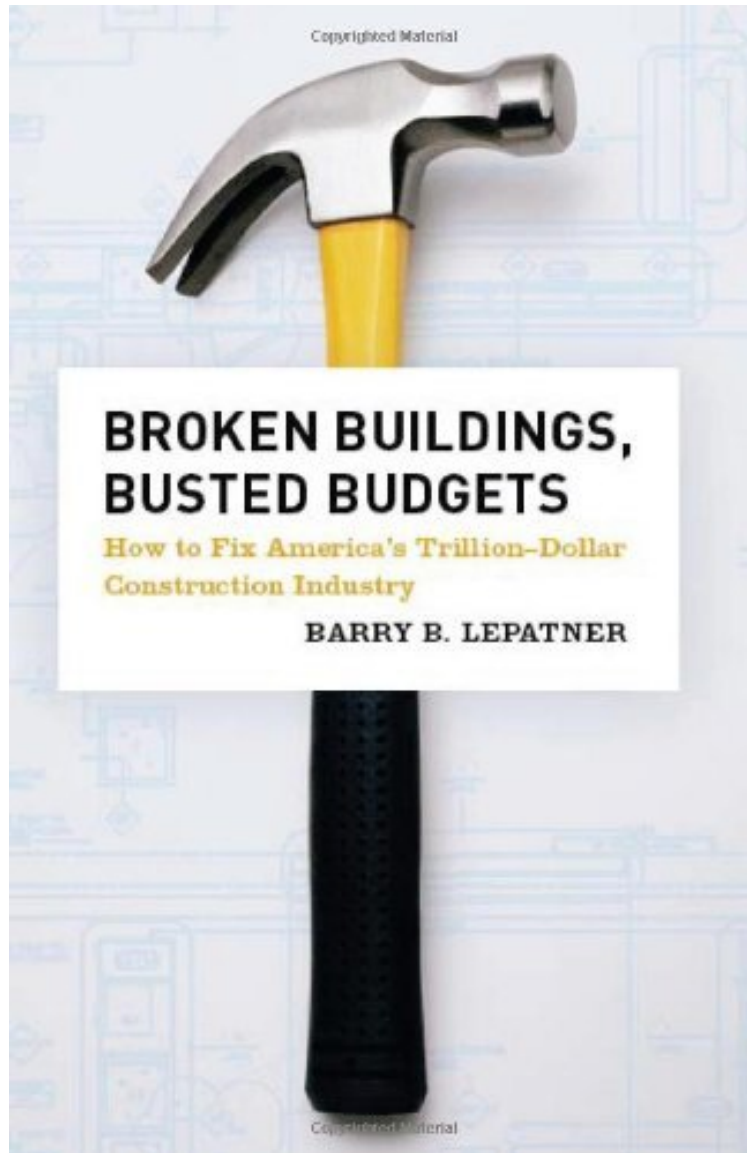


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Should be required reading for CM Students, Contractors, ArchitectsBy Matthew TFor anyone that is in the industry, nothing in the book should be a dramatic revelation.

Construction is often fraught with delays, blown budgets and shoddy work, and many people in the industry accept this as standard practice, to be repeated on the next project. The author dissects the major issues facing construction, using good examples, and states his case for a more professional and disciplined approach to the building industry. Unfortunately, this book will most likely never make it into the hands of those who need it most, the smaller residential, and commercial contractors. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. *The Glass is Half Full* By Stephen Shay LePatner is a lawyer and he sees a lot of nightmare projects in his practice. Unfortunately, LePatner doesn't see the successful projects, the ones which are finished on time, on budget and the clients are happy. I'm seeing a growing division between what happens in the field and what happens in the office. Technology has made the office more efficient and also more dependent. My fellow arm-chair managers are constantly at our desks, buried in e-mail, and married to our computers. We've invested time to learning mountains of software applications, but we've sacrificed our hands-on knowledge. The traditional career path for project managers has also changed, the old days of putting your time in the field has changed to putting your time in college, then starting to manage projects. From my personal college experience, I didn't spend much time bolting things together. We are transferring more of the coordination process from the office and moving it into the field. As things move to the field we're starting to deal with a lethal combination: rising labor costs and dropping productivity. Simply put, things are arriving in the field, but their not ready to be installed: now every minute is burning money. LePatner offers advice, which is dead on: an owner needs a qualified person to decipher the mountains of information and technical complexities, but I think it's time for the industry to start getting back to the basics: good projects come from great builders. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Beginning of a Construction Revolution* By CO Builder This book presents many facts and figures which show the state of the construction industry as one that is extremely broken. This is reflected in our nations structures and the lack of quality found in them. Mr. LePatner frequently uses a condescending when discussing the industry, which gets old after a while. Other than that the book outlines a problem that the industry must address, and presents a few solutions which could very well be just what the construction industry needs.

Across the nation, construction projects large and small—;from hospitals to schools to simple home improvements—;are spiraling out of control. Delays and cost overruns have come to seem “normal,” even as they drain our wallets and send our blood pressure skyrocketing. In *Broken Buildings, Busted Budgets*, prominent construction attorney Barry B. LePatner builds a powerful case for change in America’s sole remaining “mom and pop” industry—;an industry that consumes \$1.23 trillion and wastes at least \$120 billion each year. With three decades of experience representing clients that include eminent architects and engineers, as well as corporations, institutions, and developers, LePatner has firsthand knowledge of the bad management, ineffective supervision, and insufficient investment in technology that plagues the risk-averse construction industry. In an engaging and direct style, he here pinpoints the issues that underlie the industry’s woes while providing practical tips for anyone in the business of building, including advice on the precise language owners should use during contract negotiations. Armed with *Broken Buildings, Busted Budgets*, everyone involved in the purchase or renovation of a building or any structure—;from homeowners seeking to remodel to civic developers embarking on large-scale projects—;has the information they need to change this antiquated industry, one project at a time. “LePatner describes what is wrong with the current system and suggests ways that architects can help—;by retaking their rightful place as master builders.”—;Fred A. Bernstein, *Architect Magazine*