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Editorial Review

Review

"Anyone who sleeps indoors and cares about the world will find something of interest inside."--Carol Venolia, Eco-architect, *Natural Home & Garden* columnist, and EcoDwelling faculty member at New College of California

"I cannot recommend this book highly enough. For anyone who has ever dreamed of getting off the mortgage rat race and creating not just a house, but a cozy nest that fits--this is the book! Every page is an inspiration, filled with real-life stories and lessons learned on creating better, more affordable, sustainable, and very personalized housing. There is something here that will fit nearly every lifestyle. For those who want to live in a better way: Read this book!"--Janet Luhrs, author of *The Simple Living Guide* and *Simple Loving*, and publisher of *Simple Living Oasis*

"Salomon offers the savviest plan I've read for figuring out what house you really need. . . . her questions have forced me to rethink so much." --Marta Salij, *Detroit Free Press*

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Live in less space but have more room to enjoy it. Does that sound like a contradiction? Smart readers will discover that, on the contrary, living small can free up your mind, your wallet, and your soul. With the cost of living rising, and the environment suffering from excessive building, now is the time to scale back. Join the movement.

Little House on a Small Planet is a guidebook and an invitation. With floor plans, photographs, advice, and anecdotes, this unique book asks and answers, "What fills a home when the excess is cut away, and how do we get there from here?"

Discover how to

- Build, remodel, redecorate, or just rethink your needs
- Think, sometimes literally, outside the box
- Live close and simple
- Apply spiritual and social solutions to your material desires

Pockets of people all over the continent are realizing the benefits of scaling down. You, too, can build a joyful, sane life that emphasizes home life over home maintenance.

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About the Author

Shay Salomon is a carpenter, construction manager, and workshop leader. She's built several tiny houses and now dreams of converting her smallish cottage into two apartments. **Nigel Valdez** once dreamed of owning half a dozen houses all over the world. Now he dreams of having dozens of friends all over the world, and a small tent to sleep in when he visits them. Salomon and Valdez visited more than a hundred homes in researching this book.

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