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- *Bill Demo, Tompkins Cortland Community Coll., Dryden, N.Y.*

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Review

"Plain talk for restorers, from soup to nuts (and bolts). Here's thorough, practical advice that's sensitive to both history and budget."

(Old House Journal)

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Nash is a renovation contractor and fencebuilding enthusiast.

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