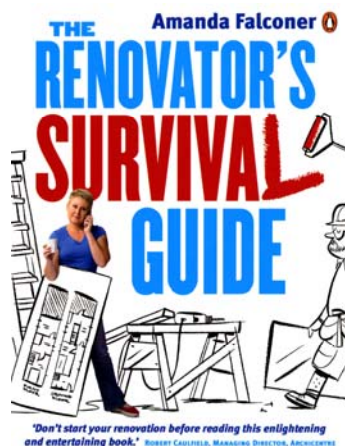




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The Renovator's Survival Guide

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If you're about to start renovating... then you do need advice – you just may not know it yet. If you're already doing it, you should get a kick out of these stories because they'll make yours seem ten times better – call it renovation therapy. (On the other hand, if by some unhappy chance yours is actually worse, take heart – there are things you can do.)

When **Amanda Falconer**, a single, professional woman with a background in the building supply industry, set out to renovate her inner-city terrace, she thought it would be a walk in the park.

Instead, she found herself up to her eyeballs in dodgy workmanship, absent tradesmen, inexcusable delays, budget blowouts and litigation. Furious, but determined, she decided to write a comprehensive guide to help would-be renovators avoid the same traps, with information on how to budget, create a design, prepare plans, find a builder, seek quotes, sign contracts and endure the construction process.

Written with humour and peppered with anecdotes from her own experience, and that of fellow renovators, ***The Renovator's Survival Guide*** is an accessible, must-have practical guide to the most expensive thing you'll ever do in your life, apart from buying the actual house.

Amanda Falconer is Sydney-based and works in marketing. For the past nine years she has worked in the building industry. She began renovation on her own home several years ago. It cost \$70,000 more than the contract price, took two years longer, and ended in four years of legal action.

The Blog: renovationsurvivor.com
The Book: renovatorssurvivalguide.com

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