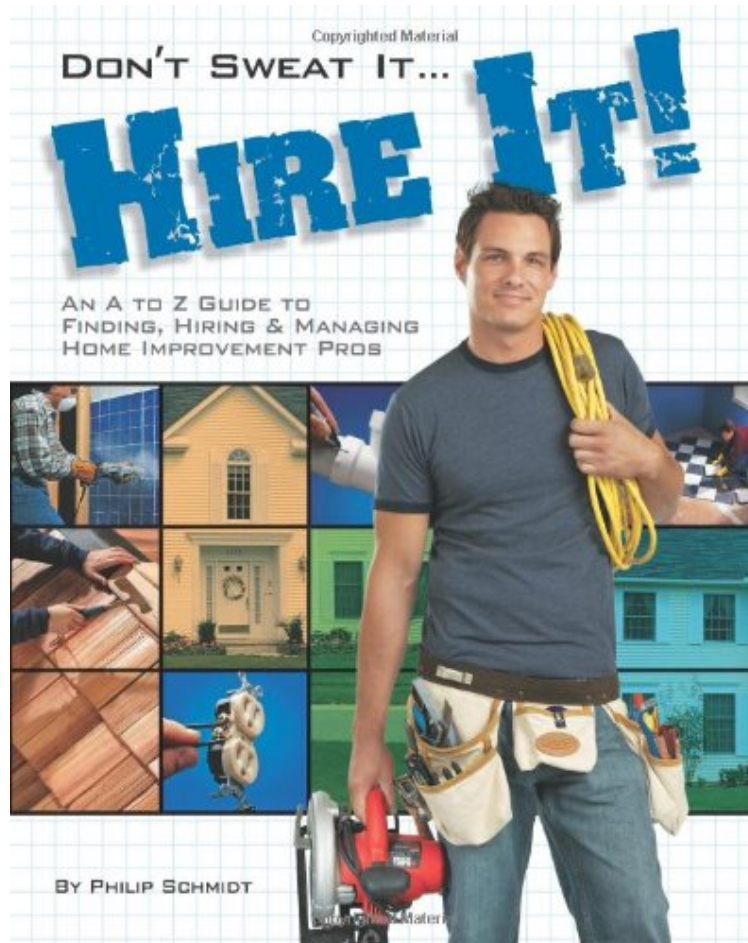


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and intelligently deal with hiring contractors for every job from Animal Control and Appliance Service to Window Replacement Wood Flooring Installer. Near the end of the book it also covers Zipper Restoration, even though there is no such thing as a zipper restorer, just to complete the A to Z list (yes, the author has a sense of humor). The appendix at the back of the book provides you with a sample Contract For Home Repairs that you photocopy and fill in. If you have a remodeling or home improvement project in mind for which to intend to contract out some or all of the work, as I do, it would be crazy to proceed without the knowledge in this book.

A handy guide to hiring handymen *Don't Sweat It-Hire It!* Is a fun, easy-to-understand guide to hiring professionals to do your home repairs and improvements. It caters to the BIY (buy-it-yourself) consumer, who prefers to hire work done rather than do their own home projects-the fastest growing trend in home improvement. All types of residential maintenance and improvement specialists are included in this book, ranging from the neighborhood lawn care person to construction general contractors specializing in major remodeling and renovation. Readers will learn how to find good, dependable resources, how to check references and work histories, how to negotiate fees and contracts, how to communicate with professionals and supervise their work, and what to do when things don't go exactly as expected. The book includes sample contracts and schedules that readers can use to create contractual agreements, and an extensive list of resources to help consumers find and manage good home repair and improvement specialists.