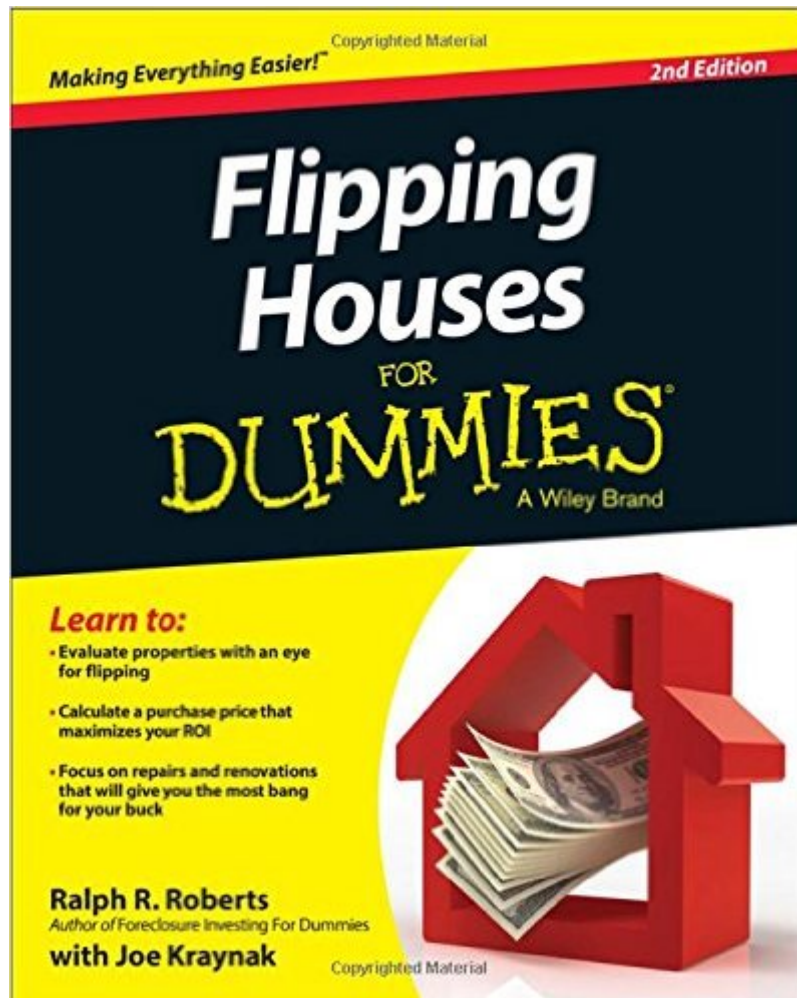


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# Flipping Houses For Dummies



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## Customer Reviews

The primary author of the book, Ralph Roberts, filed for bankruptcy in June, 2012 in Detroit, MI. Not disclosing that fact is inexcusable. He has a website that still has a front page, but all the associated sites have been closed down. I sent an email to the contact from his website to query his bankruptcy, but the email was returned "undeliverable". I sent an email query to his co-author with no reply. To Mr. Robert's credit, he does mention to having lost property to foreclosure himself, but

he buries the admission in the introduction with no further explanation or detail. In addition to the omission of the author's bankruptcy, the book has one other glaring omission; the maxim that in real estate, never trust anyone. More politely put, trust but verify, then verify again. (Don't just trust my allegations above; jump on Google.) I am a 20-year real estate investor specializing in foreclosures, both flipping and renting, and I've never been foreclosed, never filed bankruptcy, never even been late on a mortgage payment. If Roberts is advocating the conservative approach that has worked for me, then he's the wrong person to be penning the book because that's not what he does. If he's advocating the high-flying approach that brought him great success and fame, then he should also write an epilogue about bankruptcy and personal foreclosure. The target reader for this book is a beginning or intermediate investor, and that person needs to have a boots-on-the-ground approach. You can't learn that from a guru that does 100 deals per year. My maximum production as an individual investor was about nine properties per year (flipping about six each year and keeping three) and I can't see any one person doing much more than that.

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