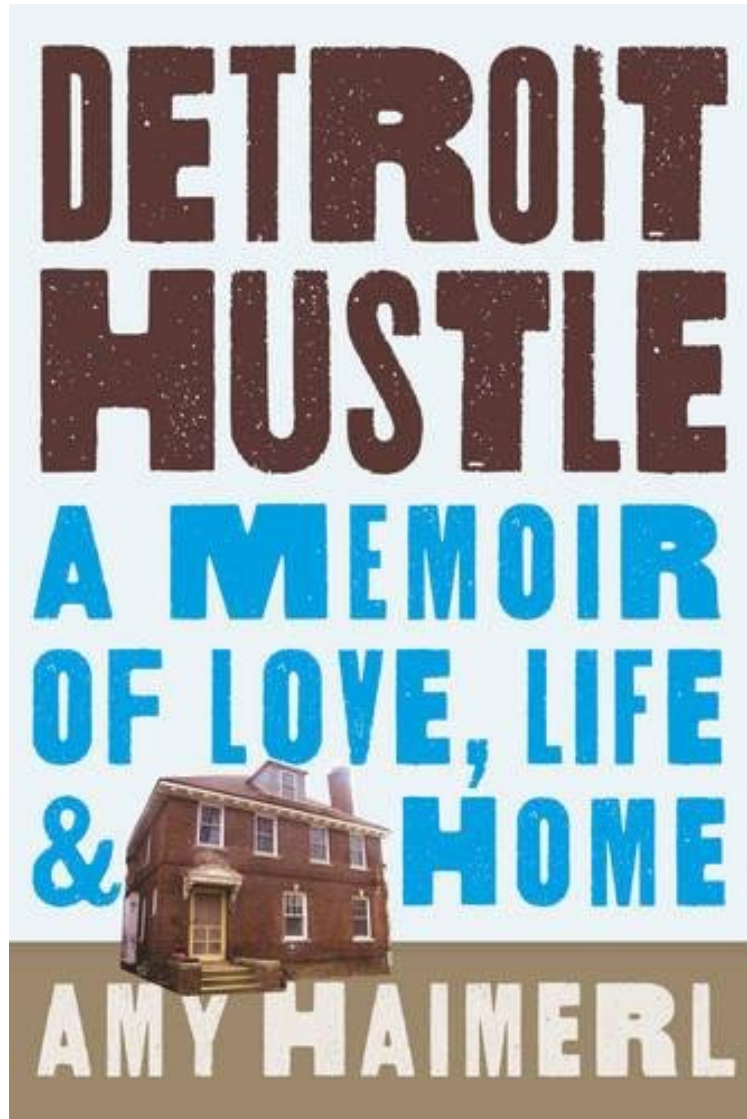


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This is a great book for anyone who wants to learn more about ...By Stacy C.So what happens when you buy one of those super-cheap foreclosed houses — with a destroyed interior and no working plumbing, water or electricity — and have to turn it into a livable dwelling? What does it cost, and how do

you pull that off without a pot of money lying around? Amy Haimerl writes engagingly about both the practical issues (getting insurance in a city where few carriers will write policies, raiding her husband's retirement accounts for cash, and the heart-stopping discovery of just how much it costs to replace 40+ windows in a derelict house) and the cultural acclimation of building a new home and a new life in Detroit. This is a great book for anyone who wants to learn more about the city now — especially the people, both the longtime residents and the new arrivals — and for fans of home-renovation (and, really, "life renovation") books like "Under the Tuscan Sun" and Julia Reed's "The House on First Street." It's also a moving tale about what happens when you feel stuck in life and decide to plunge into a dramatic change. I'd call it a 'cautionary' tale, because the process wasn't at all easy or smooth, but it's clear that Amy and Karl think every bump and moment of panic that they experienced was worth it. In the end, this is a love story about a tricky, challenging place, and the rewards that come from immersing in its battered, creative, resilient and storied community. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This book is wonderful. It is a compelling story of a couple ... By Alice Cooper's sister This book is wonderful. It is a compelling story of a couple who decide to "homestead" in Detroit. It is more than the author's story however, it is the story of many younger Americans who became adults during the housing boom/bust and how it affected them. The author also gives pretty good background on how Detroit became a ghost town, explaining some of the racist housing policies that were in place during the 1960's and beyond in Detroit and other major cities. It was especially uplifting to read about her family and friends, and how they provided the love and foundation that allowed her to remain hopeful and thrive. There is a lot to this book. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I love memoirs and am perplexed by real estate. By Nicole de Beaufort I love memoirs and am perplexed by real estate. This book was great because it's a story about life and love, first of all, and then it's about making a home in a city a complex community. It's a beautiful read.

Journalist Amy Haimerl and her husband had been priced out of their Brooklyn neighborhood. Seeing this as a great opportunity to start over again, they decide to cash in their savings and buy an abandoned house for 35,000 in Detroit, the largest city in the United States to declare bankruptcy. As she and her husband restore the 1914 Georgian Revival, a stately brick house with no plumbing, no heat, and no electricity, Amy finds a community of Detroiters who, like herself, aren't afraid of a little hard work or things that are a little rough around the edges. Filled with amusing and touching anecdotes about navigating a real-estate market that is rife with scams, finding a contractor who is a lover of C.S. Lewis and willing to quote him liberally, and neighbors who either get teary-eyed at the sight of newcomers or urge Amy and her husband to get out while they can, Amy writes evocatively about the charms and challenges of finding her footing in a city whose future is in question. *Detroit Hustle* is a memoir that is both a meditation on what it takes to make a house a home, and a love letter to a much-derided city.

"The amazing charm of *Detroit Hustle* by Amy Haimerl is its brilliant use of concurrent narratives - one quite personal, one about a down-on-its-luck city trying to get up off its knees - to show how perseverance, community and love are so essential to both stories. Each chapter has you rooting for the city, but also cheering for the writer and her husband, their neighbors and family, and the expansive house renovation project whose journey, hiccups and all, makes them into Detroiters."—Stephen Henderson, Pulitzer Prize-winning *Detroit Free Press* editorial page editor "Detroit Hustle is much more than a book about restoring a house. It's about a city and its people abandoned to the churn of change, about fitting in and standing out, about decades of decay and wispy hopes of revival. It's America's story. Amy Haimerl's memoir is as gritty and gripping as Detroit itself."—Ron Fournier, columnist, *The Atlantic*, and author of *Love That Boy: What Two Presidents, Eight Road Trips, and My Son Taught Me About a Parent's Expectations* "A love song sung to a house and a city, but it's also a money memoir, one marked by ignorance at the outset and a triumph of feelings over financial facts."—*The New York Times* This memoir of home renovation in Detroit delves into much more, including the importance of place, the meaning of urban revival and the building of lives and loves.—Shelf awareness "An engaging and cautiously optimistic memoir of making a new life."—Kirkus s "With humor and incisiveness, Haimerl shares the journey of turning a house into a home As a financial journalist, she adeptly reports on the city's financial situation and its newest entrepreneurial efforts... This book is about more than the blight of Detroit; it is also about making a new home and community in a rapidly changing city."—*Publishers Weekly* "Surprisingly full of practical advice and always entertaining."—*Library Journal*