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HGTV star's new kids' book promotes inclusivity



AT HOME WITH
Marni Jameson

I'VE ALWAYS said, I do not see a line between where home life stops and home design begins. It's all a blur to me.

Mina Starsiak-Hawk, the star of HGTV's "Good Bones," a home renovation show, and author of a new children's book, "Built Together," (Zonderkidz, Feb. 2, 2021, \$18.99) agrees and has taken that viewpoint one step further.

The premise of her new book: Whether building a house or building a family, the same principles should apply.

Stay with me.

In "Built Together," adorably illustrated by Barbara Bongini, the little boy narrator wonders whether his mom and dad will need a hammer and nails to build a family, or maybe they'll need a drill and monkey wrench, tile and grout, bricks and mortar, paint and brushes? Whatever the case, he wants to help.

Spoiler alert: He eventually learns the building blocks of a home are kindness, love, inclusivity, and a feeling of welcomeness.

"I wanted to show young readers that families come in all shapes and sizes — just like houses — and that's great," said Starsiak-Hawk, age 36, who, with her mom, started a home renovation company called Two Chicks and a Hammer.



HGTV's "Good Bones" star Mina Starsiak-Hawk with her husband, Steve, reads her new children's book to son, Jack, 2, as daughter, Charlie, 4 months, listens in. Photo courtesy of Mina Starsiak-Hawk.

"What matters about houses and families is that they both have a strong foundation," she said.

Though Starsiak-Hawk who lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Steve; their 2-year-old son, Jack; and 4-month-old daughter, Charlie has a pretty four-square family, her family growing up was the opposite. Divorced when she was 3, her parents have been married a total of eight times (four marriages each). As a result, Starsiak-Hawk has many step-parents, step-siblings, half-siblings, nieces, and nephews.

As our young narrator, who is modeled after the author's son, says, "I live with just my mom and dad and our three goofy dogs, but we have a super big family. I have six grandmas and grandpas, 10 uncles and aunts, five cousins, a

bunch of step-grandmas, step-uncles, and step-cousins, and lots of friends who Mom says might as well be family."

"It's important to teach our children that family is so much more than just Mom, Dad, two kids and a Golden Retriever," Starsiak-Hawk said when I got her on the phone to talk about homes inside and out. "Family is nuclear, extended, adopted, divorced, single-parent, surrogate, rescued, and blended, and it's more than just blood. You build your village, which can include friends, pets, and neighbors."

As a serial home remodeler, and the female lead in my own blended family, which now encompasses five adult children, two kids-in-law, four grandchildren, and, collectively, eight dogs, thankfully not all under one roof,

I am taking this little boy's message to heart.

Here's more of my conversation with HGTV's Mina Starsiak-Hawk:

Marni: What prompted you to write this book?

Mina: Mostly becoming a parent. While my family today looks pretty traditional, the family I came from was far from the standard portrayed in books and movies when I was growing up. I realized how much those images shape

how we see others, and I wanted to get into little ears the message of how you can build your own family by playing off how you build a house.

Marni: How did you get into home renovating, and how did that lead to a TV show?

Mina: In 2007, after I graduated from college, I bought a house. My mom co-signed the loan. The

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house needed a lot more fixing than we expected, and we did most of the work ourselves. We renovated the bathroom, then learned how to install kitchen cabinets and replace flooring. We kept going, and did other houses, and started Two Chicks and a Hammer. Then a TV production company saw us on Instagram, and that led to "Good Bones," which is now in its seventh season.

Marni: Besides needing a strong foundation, what other parallels do you see between families and houses?

Mina: My preferred mode for both would be inclusivity and acceptance, and that might mean

relaxing some rules. I find working on homes governed by HOA rules, where the houses all have to look a certain way and can only be one of 10 colors, restrictive. You might not like having a purple house on your street, or having neighbors with goats and chickens, but that's my preference, and that goes along with saying, we don't have to be related by blood to be family. Live and let live.

Marni: What will "Good Bones" fans recognize in the pages of your new book?

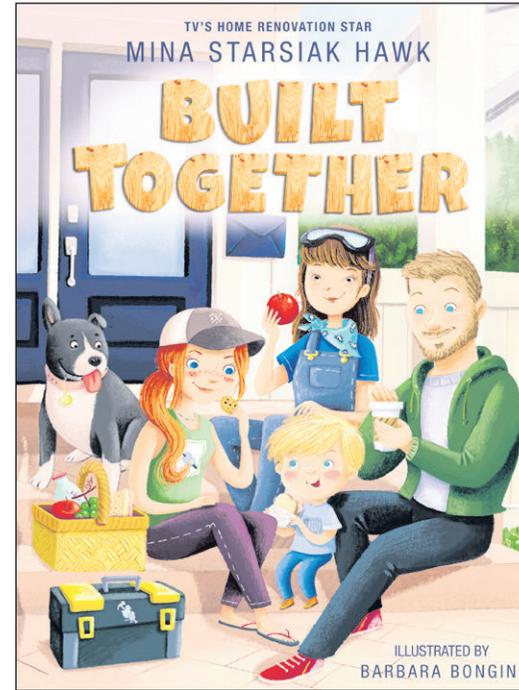
Mina: It's pretty clear that the book features my family: Steve, me, Jack, and our three dogs. (Daughter Charlie came along after the book went off to production.) The house and front porch featured in the book are the spitting image of ours. Also, in the il-

lustrations, some characters wear Two Chicks and a Hammer T-shirts.

Marni: What do you hope children will learn from this book?

Mina: I hope they develop more open-mindedness, and see more options for what makes a family than I saw in movies and books growing up. And I hope they see that just like we can build a house, we can build our own family, too.

Marni Jameson is the author of six home and lifestyle books, including "Downsizing the Family Home – What to Save, What to Let Go" and "Downsizing the Blended Home – When Two Households Become One," and, coming in June, "What to Do With Everything You Own to Leave the Legacy You Want." You can reach her at www.marnijameson.com.



"Built Together," a new children's book by HGTV star of "Good Bones" Mina Starsiak-Hawk, comes out this week and has inclusivity as its message. Photo courtesy of Icon Media Group

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Tips to improve WiFi around the house

Speedy, reliable internet is something people have quickly grown accustomed to. That's no doubt why dropped WiFi signals can be so frustrating.

Various things can contribute to slow or interrupted Wi-Fi. As a result, there's no one-size-fits-all solution to address underperforming Wi-Fi. But that's good news, as it means there's an assortment of strategies that consumers can try to improve the Wi-Fi in their homes.

- Upgrade your router. Many people rent their routers from their internet service providers, but it may surprise some to learn that they can buy their own. Buying your own router can be beneficial



in various ways, not the least of which is it can save money. Router rental fees vary, but they typically cost between \$10 and \$15 per month. Consumers will save money in the long run by buying their own router rather than renting one from their ISP. When buy-

ing their own routers, consumers also can pick from a host of options, including routers with strong performance ratings that may contribute to better WiFi performance.

- Set up automatic firmware up-

dates. It's easy to forget a router after it's been plugged in and internet service starts working. However, manufacturers routinely issue firmware updates to improve router performance. Turning on automatic updates may improve WiFi performance, and such updates also can provide a host of additional benefits, including added security measures.

- Relocate the router. PCMag.com notes that the location of the router can affect WiFi performance. If possible, locate the router in the center of the home so it can easily reach all parts of the house. Locating wireless routers away from walls and other obstructions also may improve performance.

- Switch frequencies. Switching frequencies can help wireless consumers whose service might be adversely affected by congestion. Consumer Reports notes that wireless congestion can affect WiFi performance in apartment buildings and densely populated neighborhoods. In such instances, consumers can check their routers to see if they're running on the 2.4 GHz frequency band. If so, switching them to the 5 GHz band, which has more channels and is likely to be less congested, may improve WiFi performance.

Slow and/or interrupted WiFi signals can be very frustrating. Thankfully, various strategies can help consumers quickly remedy such issues.

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104 Lynn Circle, Ripley
\$199,900

Family-sized bi-level mid-century built home w/lots of features incl. wooden-vaulted ceilings, trapezoid windows, beams, 2 fireplaces w/gas logs, spacious living/dining room w/slider to rear deck; kitchen w/appliances inc & large breakfast rm; master suite on main floor; lower level has 2 additional BRs, spacious family rm w/slider to rear patio; double car garage w/space for hobbies/workbench area; FA Gas Heat/Central Air; Home Warranty, level lot, security sys.



4919 Statts Mill Rd, Statts Mill
\$650,000

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75 Redwood Est, Cottageville
\$469,900

Lovely 2 story Farmhouse Cape Style home with 7x35 covered front/porch, 5 BR/3 BA, 3955 sq ft of living space with beautiful kitchen, quartz counters, S/S appliances, updated baths, new hardwood flooring in much of the house, main floor master suite w/walk-in closet & luxury bath, huge family room/recreation room over 3 car garage, pool with lots of decking & patio space to enjoy the outdoors, loads of privacy, circular driveway...much more! MUST SEE!



NEW PRICE

121 Murraysville Rd, Ravenswood
\$199,900

Neat Bi-level home with loads of room for a family here...huge family room in lower level opens out to rear patio & a gorgeous 18X36 inground swimming pool, privacy fenced...all kitchen appliances are included, 4 bedrooms or 3 & office; 2 1/2 baths, 1.20-acre lot, 2118 sq ft of living space, everything very well-kept & move-in ready condition! The seller is motivated and ready to sell!



815 Parkersburg Rd, Ripley
\$315,000

This is a block building with 5, 000 sq ft of space, Office area & garage space accessible from overhead door on side of building, two restrooms, 3 overhead natural gas heaters, 3-phase electric power, metal roof- 12 years. old; Artesian water well; second garage building is 1400 sq ft with two lifts; sale includes all equipment, machinery, parts, inventory, tools business & real estate. Motivated Seller!



NEW PRICE

155 Oakey Rd, Ripley
\$164,900

This property was used by owner for a body shop, mechanic repair shop, car sales lot; Metal building garage is 40x60 with 16ft ceilings and a 20x25 addition which includes 14x17 office. heated with natural gas and outdoor wood-fired furnace. Equipment, lift, and some fixtures are included.



2100 7th Ave, Charleston
\$199,900

One story steel structure on a corner lot with great visibility & easy access; building has 4052 sq. ft. of space, divided into garage/shop area with 16' manual overhead door/restroom, mechanical room for FA Gas Furnace; central office/ showroom area; kitchen; file/storage room; large office & showroom/lobby space; would be a nice retail store, professional offices or shop!



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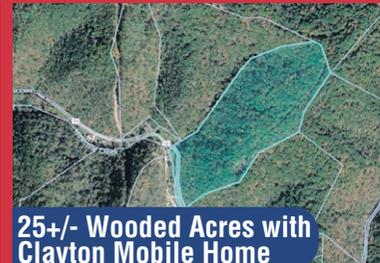
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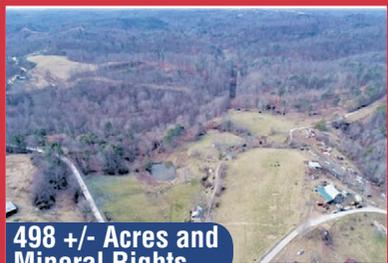
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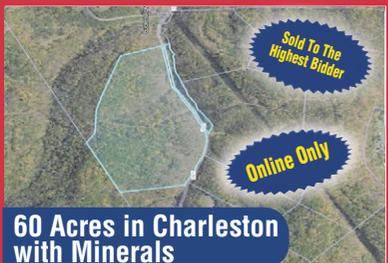
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- Thu. February 18th – Charleston - 240 Acre Farm with Home
- Fri. February 19th – Marietta, OH - Open & Wooded Acreage Sold in Parcels
- Tue. February 23rd – Welch - 4-Unit Apartment Building
- Wed. February 24th – Ravenswood - 3 Bedroom Home in Great Neighborhood
- Wed. February 24th – Parkersburg - Duplex Sold to the Highest Bidder
- Wed. February 24th – St. Mary's – 498 +/--Acres & Mineral Rights
- Thu. February 25th – Charleston - 4 Bedroom Sold to the Highest Bidder
- Tue. March 2nd – Hurricane - 10,000 sqft. Commercial Building in Hurricane
- Wed. March 3rd – Charleston - Large Townhome Overlooking the Kanawha River
- Wed. March 3rd – Huntington – 7 Huntington Properties

- Thu. March 4th – Beaver - 10,000 sqft Building in the Raleigh County Airport Industrial Park – Live Bidding Only
- Thu. March 4th – Cedar Grove - The Historic Tompkins House – Sells to the Highest Bidder
- Wed. March 10th – South Charleston - Spacious Duplex – 2 Bedroom Units
- Fri. March 26th – Delbarton - 6 Bedroom on 1.43 Acres with Pool

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- Tue. February 18th – St. Albans - 1967 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Sells to The Highest Bidder
- Tue. February 23rd – Huntington - 3 Bedroom Home on Washington Boulevard
- Wed. February 24th – Charleston Area - Three Homes Sold to the Highest Bidders
- Thu. February 25th – Charleston - 60 Acres in Charleston with Minerals
- Tue. March 2nd – Huntington - Spacious 2-Bedroom with Additional Garage
- Wed. March 3rd – Elkview - 3 Bedroom in Elkview Sold to the Highest Bidder
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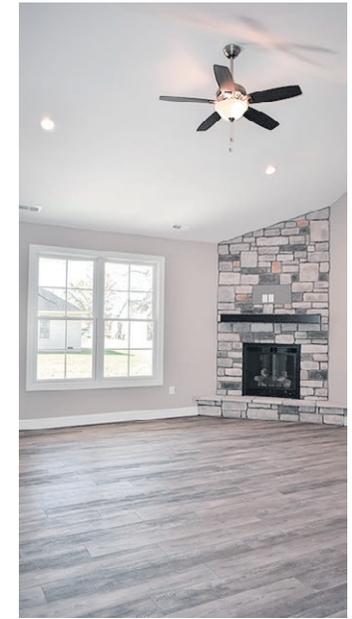
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