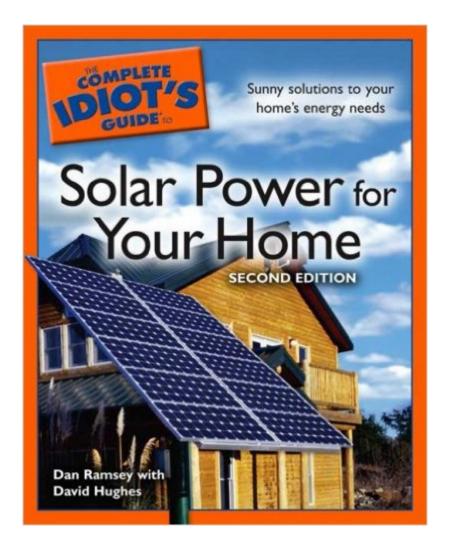
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# The Complete Idiot's Guide To Solar Power For Your Home, 2E





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