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Introduction

Welcome to *Renting Out Your Property For Dummies*. Many of life's lessons are discovered by on-the-job trial and error, but property management shouldn't be one of them – the mistakes are too costly and the legal ramifications too severe. In this book, you can find proven strategies to make rental property ownership and management not only profitable but pleasant too.

About This Book

Although these pages are overflowing with useful advice and information, we present it in a light, easy-to-access format. This book explains how to wear many hats in this business: advertiser/promoter (in seeking tenants), host (in showing the property), handyman (in keeping up with and arranging repairs), bookkeeper (in maintaining records) and even counsellor (in dealing with tenants and their problems). Just as important, this book can help you maintain your sense of humour – as well as your sanity – as you deal with these challenges and more.

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