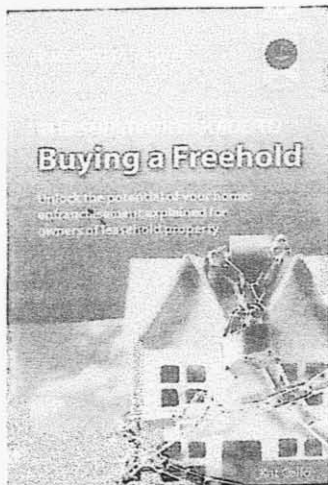


BOOK REVIEW

The Survivor's Guide to Buying a Freehold *American homeowners take England "co-op"*

American owners of flats in London are joining a growing number of leaseholders who are buying their building freehold, a consumer movement that is pushing up the value of property and transforming resident-owned blocks. Kat Callo, a native New Yorker and long-time London resident, describes in her jargon-busting book, *The Survivor's Guide to Buying a Freehold* (Lawpack Publishing, £11.99), the new legal right enjoyed by leaseholders of flats to compel their landlord to sell the freehold and she identifies simple steps for avoiding pitfalls. She compares the movement to Manhattan in the 1970s when many residents took their apartment buildings "co-op" and transformed poorly maintained structures into prime real estate. Callo's latest book follows on *Making Sense of Leasehold Property*, her user friendly guide to leaseholders' rights to lease extensions, right to manage and freehold purchase. Contact: Kat Callo at 020 7853 2282 or



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