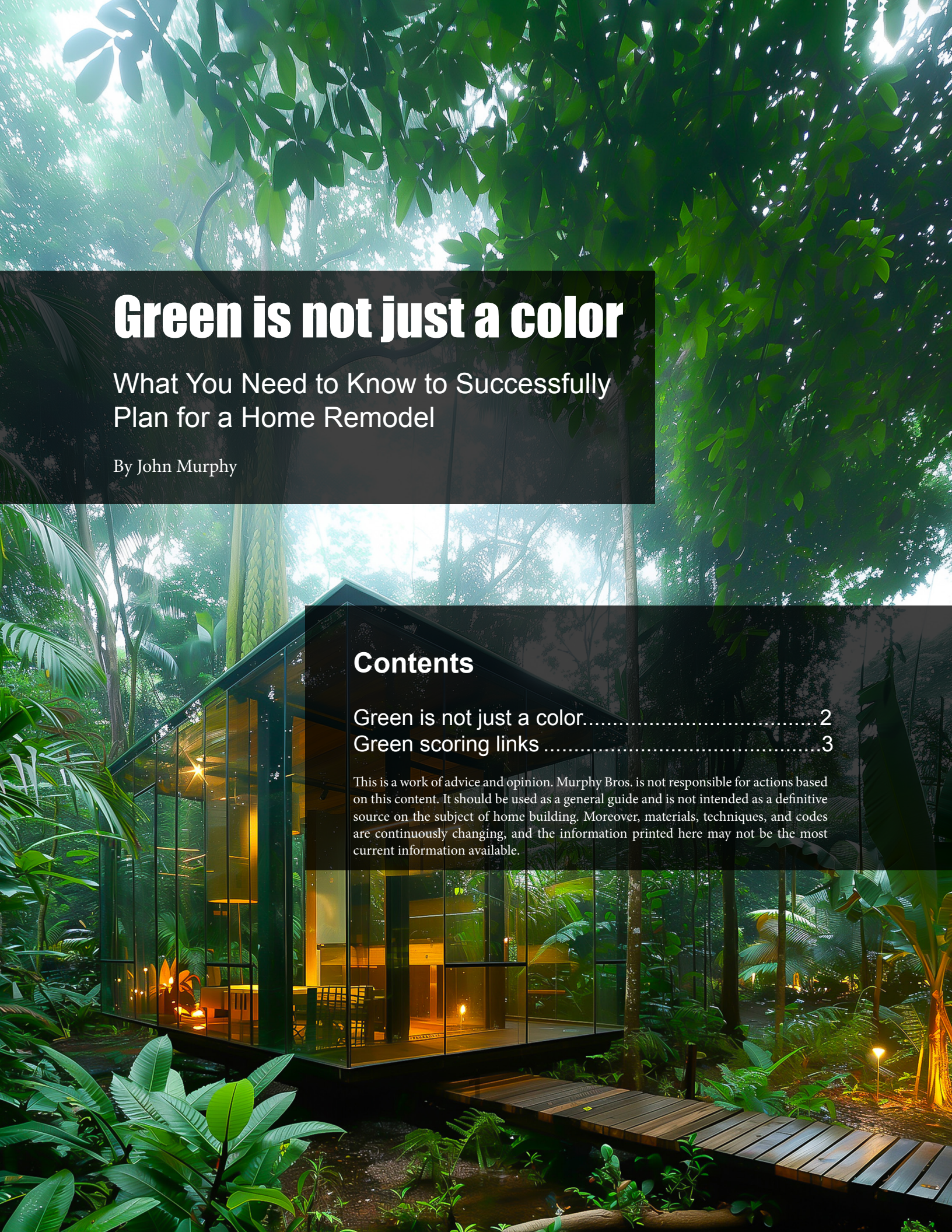


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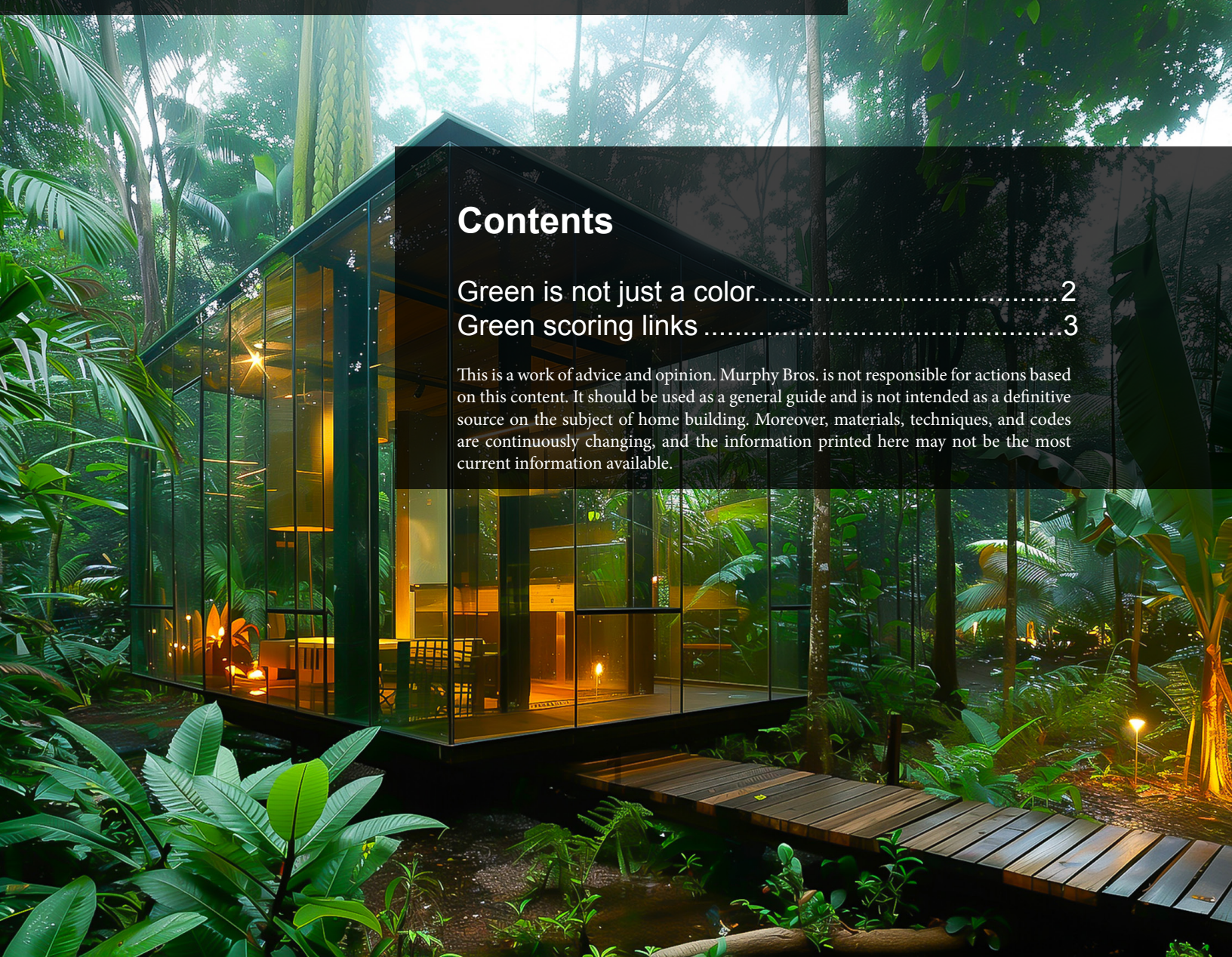
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## Green is not just a color

You may think green is just a color, but those of us in the remodeling business know it as a design element. Green design is a type of building that is more sustainable and liveable than traditional building concepts. It improves efficiency, saves power, and makes your home a healthier place to live. Also, green-built homes use recyclable materials to help reduce the amount of trash in landfills.

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) has established the [NAHBGreen program](#) to guide homeowners and builders alike. They define a Green home as follows:

- Responsible lot and site development
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Efficiency
- Resource Efficiency
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Home owner Education



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NAHB along with the International Code Council (ICC) has defined a code of standards called the ICC 700 National Green Building Standard. A free tool to help you score your project has been designed and you [can register here...](#)

If your home was built before 1980, NAHB created the Green Remodel Path where you can have your remodeling project certified as Bronze, Silver, Gold or Emerald- depending on the reduction in energy and water consumption (20% for Bronze to at least 50% for Emerald).

NAHBGreen is an option that can increase your home's resale value and keep you and the environment healthier.

More information on the program is [available at here...](#)

Among the new innovations to watch are solar windows under development by the [California based company Ubiquitous Energy](#).

