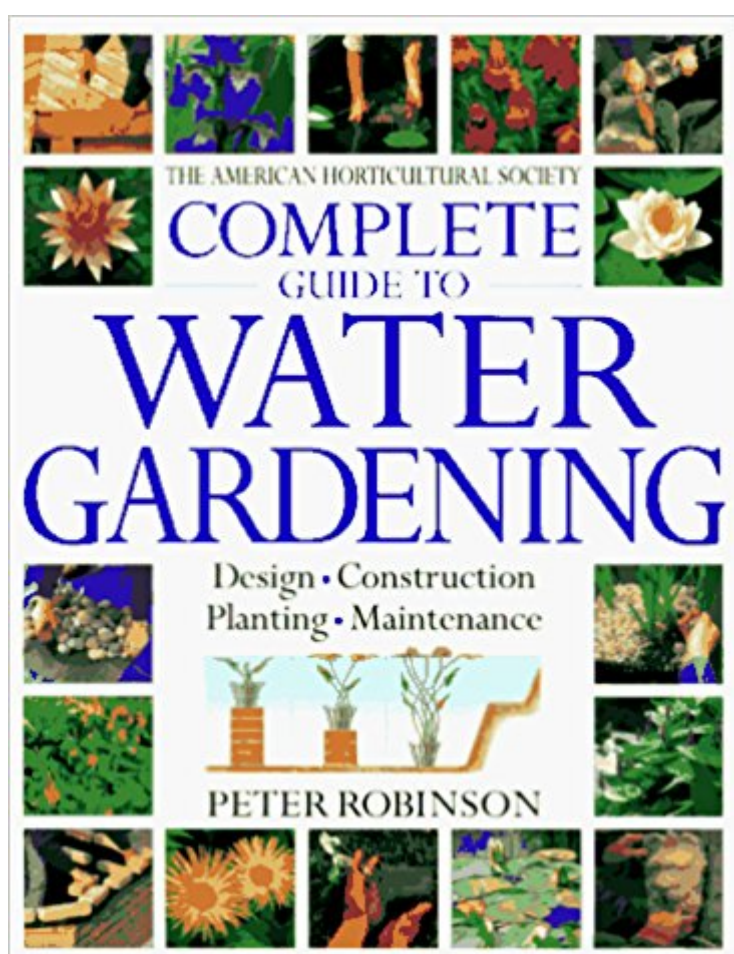


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## Customer Reviews

If you find aquatic plants fascinating but aren't sure where to start, let this thorough how-to manual be your guide. Brimming with practical insights and photographic inspirations, the Complete Guide to Water Gardening supplies step-by-step instructions for all types of water features, from full-blown oriental ponds to a simple container of bog plants. Possibilities are only as limited as your size and budget. Proper planning is essential to good results, and this book takes it nice and slow.

Explanations are straightforward and comprehensible for folks who have some previous home improvement experience, but for a first-ever project, this may be biting off a bit more than you can chew. Leveling, backfilling, laying concrete--these are a few of the details to prepare for in adding even a small pond to your garden. You'll see your efforts pay off quickly, though. Flourishing plants and a return of natural amphibians are a couple of rewards in sight. Plant selection involves a good understanding of this developing ecosystem, and the sections concerning options and routine maintenance are specific in the requirements of your new garden. Close-up shots of healthy plants and systems, as well as diseases and pests, will provide an excellent education. If you're looking for a new adventure in gardening and don't mind getting your feet wet, this could provide just the experience you're looking for. --Jill Lightner

Publishers have been generous with water gardening books in recent years, so to compete for shelf space, new titles should probably offer either comprehensive treatment or a fresh angle.

Fortunately, each of the following titles does both. Horticultural consultant Robinson, who has written several books on water gardening, takes a practical, how-to approach to constructing water features and integrating them into the landscape. Color photos and drawings are used to splendid effect. Included are handy instructions for evaluating purchased plants and fish and for handling routine care and feeding, pests, and diseases. The book concludes with a catalog of plants organized by their function in the garden (submerged, floating, or marginal). Recommended for most gardening collections. Part of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "21st-Century Gardening" series, *The Natural Water Garden* also reviews the basics of installing water gardens, but its value lies in examples of specific wetland gardens. An intriguing example is the "stormwater marsh" created in a Virginia garden by directing rainwater from a roof into the bed via plastic tubing. Concluding chapters catalog wetland plants indigenous to six regions of the United States and list specialty nurseries. This book should appeal to adventurous gardeners and anyone concerned about wildlife gardening and habitat reconstruction. ?Beth Clewis Crim, Prince William P.L., Va. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is an excellent reference guide for anyone who enjoys water garden plants. Lots of information, planting guides and recommendations and pictures to pull it all together. I bought this used for next to nothing, great deal!

If you want to build a pond/stream/waterfall, and you want the pleasure of doing it yourself, this is THE book to buy. There are several good ones available, and you should consider some of them to help yourself gain valuable knowledge about the subject. However, of all the books in this field, this is the most comprehensive, best illustrated, and the most diverse guide of its kind. The Hard cover edition (if available) will be a book you'll want to keep with your other favorites.

Gave me much needed information before I built my goldfish pond. I would probably have made some mistakes had I not had this book

Definitely a must-read for anyone considering a pond or water feature! Any information you need is right here in an easy to read and informative book with lots of useful and creative visuals.

This book helped me a lot with the existing pond in our new house, I also used the tips about creating bog gardens which was something I didn't even know about!

Great book. Many ideas to assist in planting and caring for a water garden/pond. We saw the island in this book, and now we have a beautiful rock island for the wildlife to enjoy.

The best book on the subject

The American Horticulture Book on Propagation is the gold standard for every serious gardener, but presumes some level of knowledge. It may be intimidating for a few gardeners. I couldn't live without it. Kaytidid

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