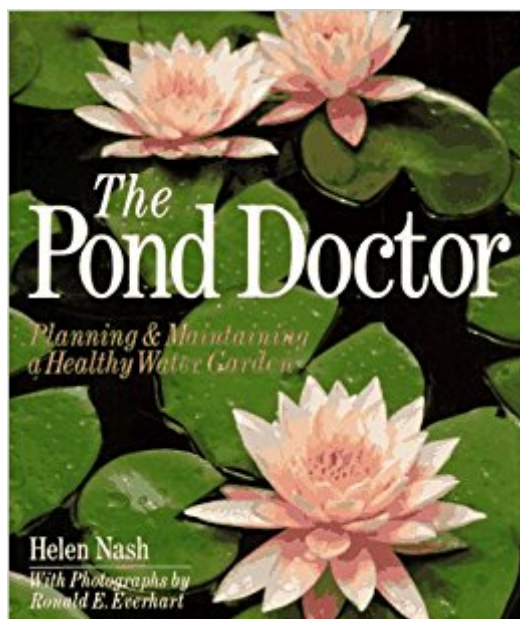


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# The Pond Doctor: Planning & Maintaining A Healthy Water Garden



## Synopsis

Everything one needs to know about a water garden is here: selecting a site, construction, building a waterfall, safety and water-quality tips, pumps and filtration, prevention of algae, and cleaning and maintaining a pond. This practical guide is illustrated throughout with color photographs.

Booklist: Chock-full of information... an extremely useful and highly recommended resource.

American Horticulturist.

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This volume by an experienced water gardener focuses strictly on maintaining a garden pond by troubleshooting or preventing problems that may occur to the structure, plants, or fish. Although it is meant to prevent problems for the novice pond builder, a beginner would also need to use a general work on garden pools such as Ken Druse's *Burpee Water Gardening* (Prentice Hall, 1993) since Nash's work offers no general overview of pond building. Instead, it plunges in on page one with specifics on possible siting problems and continues with chapters of advice on pumps, water quality and filtration, how to maintain water plants and fish, and how to deal with unwanted pests. A list of suppliers for the specialized equipment and plants would have been helpful. For larger collections.

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a waterfall, safety and water-quality tips, pumps and filtration, and prevention of algae. There is advice on caring for water plants and fish, a list of recommended water depths for hardy water lilies, and a fish-care calendar for temperate climates. There is a chapter on insects and crustaceans and one on such pests as ducks and geese, beavers, muskrats, voles, opossums, raccoons, turtles, crayfish, frogs, and toads. There's also advice on cleaning and maintaining a pond. This practical guide is illustrated throughout with color photographs. George Cohen --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

full of great info, learned alot, will read it many more times

This gives us a lot of great insights from Helen Nash, who really knows about ponds and the problems encountered. I learned many new things I didn't know, and I have read a fair amount. I ordered the book as it is a needed desk reference. I did not get any useful ideas about controlling ph (she says it usually isn't a problem, but this is a book about problems, so uh, ), so you'll have to find that elsewhere. Otherwise a must read and a great reference.

I would like to have a water garden, pond or waterfall sometime. This book gives great information on how to plan, how to take care of and what to look for when planning and purchasing products to make your water garden come true.

I'm planning a water garden for my back yard and thought this book might help. It has a lot of information, but is not that easy to read. It seemed to me that all the info was written on post-its, organized in to catagories, and printed. It will make a great reference book when I'm having a problem and need to find a quick answer. But it's not the kind of book that has you start on page one and read straight through.

I have had this book for a number of years. I have had my pond for a number of years. I still look things up for a refresher. Good pictures, ideas, and fish info. I would recommend it.

This book is a must if you have a pond.

Great book n price

I purchased this book and "Healthy Garden Pond" in May 2010 because we wanted to set up a pond and really knew little about how to go about it. I looked at stores for books on the subject but they were very expensive. Then I went on line and found this as a very reasonable price. If I remember right, it was set up on line so you could "look inside" to get a better idea what it had to offer, which made all the difference. I saw a number of other books of similar subject that did not have that option, nor even have a decent description of what the book offered. I quickly passed on those. It was very helpful in our venture of establishing the pond, which we are still enjoying very much.

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