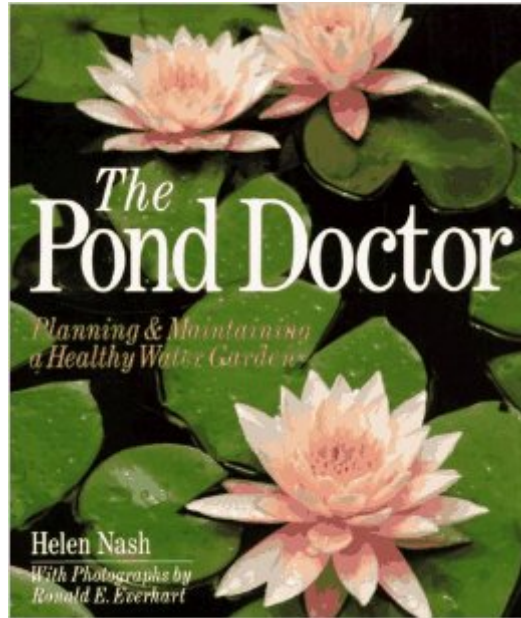


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# The Pond Doctor: Planning & Maintaining A Healthy Water Garden



## 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.

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Even though the title has "planning" in it, the focus of the book deals with maintenance issues. Ms. Nash not only discusses water quality, algae issues, plant propagation, and plant and fish disease, but also how to prevent problems, and how to repair the problem once detected. There are also great photos that illustrate some of the more common pond problems. I have read better books on pond planning (her other book, "The Complete Pond Planner" and the Ortho series books are great), but I have found none that address the above issues as well as this one. A must read for all pond owners!

I bought the book for my sister, but after previewing it had to keep it for myself. It is a wonderful reference book, tells me more than I thought it would in a "basic" book, but is also simple to understand as well as comprehensive in its delivery. Starting a pond or having one, this is a definite staple!

A thorough and well-presented book that takes you from pond siting and construction through fish and plant selection to control of pests and maintenance. Nash is refreshingly honest about the pros and cons of various choices, and lets you know when a suggested plant or fish is appropriate for your climate. The many full-color pictures are very helpful, especially in identifying insect pests. Includes photos of some very interesting designs, including one with a piano theme! Deserving of all the raves from reviews by AHS and others.

This book offers both basic information for beginning water gardeners and nuggets of knowledge for those more experienced or professional installers. The presentation is very straightforward and concise. I find the book very enjoyable to browse and it has a good index for use as a reference. If you are starting a water garden library - start here.

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.

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