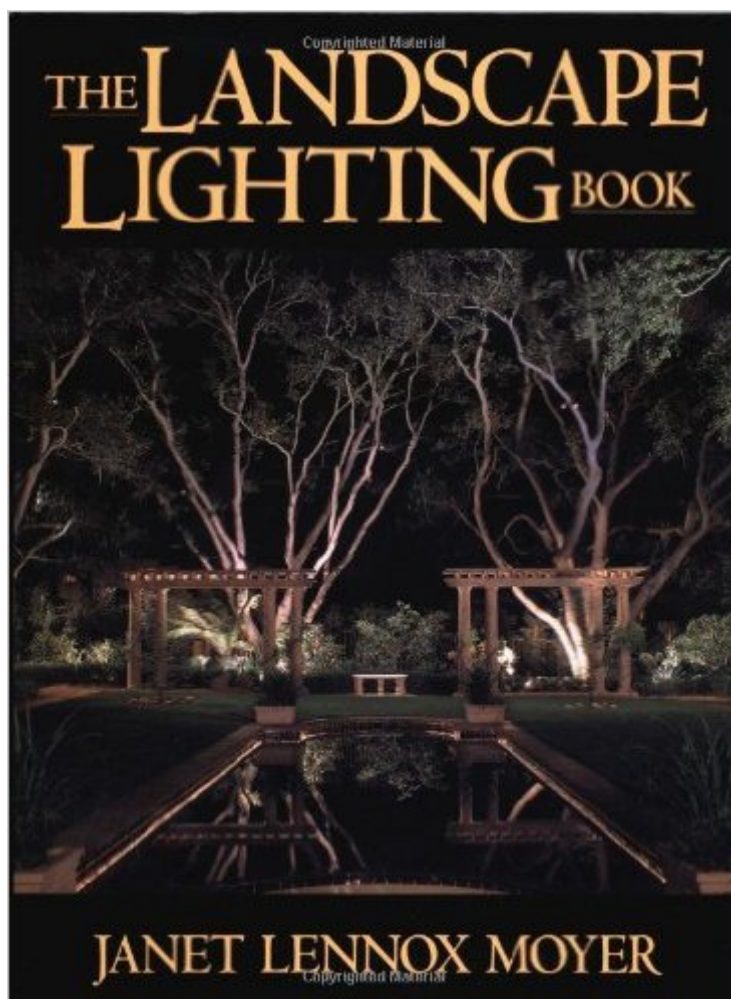


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# The Landscape Lighting Book



## Synopsis

A national authority on this emerging field offers a comprehensive guide to the art and science of designing, erecting and maintaining an outdoor lighting system. Presents in-depth coverage on how to plan, design and build a project; reviews all technical components and materials; discusses specific issues of landscape design setting and its elements--plants, sculptures and structures, water features, etc. Packed with hundreds of detailed photos, sketches, plans and drawings.

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## Customer Reviews

Still the best book for the professional. Invaluable resource for architects, landscape architects and landscape lighting designers. Broad and deep with plenty of technical information. I purchased this book in 1992 and I bought it again today (an electrician friend "lost" my original copy). A second edition (if planned) should include better information about transformer regulation (the ability of a low voltage lighting transformer to maintain 12v under load) and voltage drop (the dreaded decrease in voltage through the main supply cable) which are presented as formulae rather than actual measurements. Great photographs mostly of large scale projects. This book should be in every outdoor lighting designer's library. There is a second edition (Wiley 2005) of the book revised and updated by the author to reflect changes and improvements in techniques and equipment. The second edition is easily recognized by the illustrated four color cover; the original had an illustrated dust cover (missing from the last run of the first edition) by the cover itself was plain black. I have both editions and consider them a bargain in terms of concentrated relevant information.

The Landscape Lighting book, by Janet Moyer, provides both an academic and practical level of landscaping lighting knowledge. Another good book, if you can find it, is the Ortho's book of How to Design and Install Outdoor Lighting. In comparison, the Ortho book has more colorful pictures and offers a very colorful education - I'd say, more or less at a good high school level. If you want more of college level introduction to landscape lighting - perhaps, to start a business or to broaden your knowledge, The Landscape Lighting book is the book for you.

The second edition of Janet Lennox Moyer's THE LANDSCAPE LIGHTING BOOK is an absolute necessity for everybody who works in landscape lighting or who is seriously interested in creating their own garden lighting. Ms Moyer has greatly revised and expanded the color plates and Chapter 4, "The Design Process - Documenting and Installing Landscape Lighting" as well as writing an entirely new Chapter 5 "Follow-up Work - Record Documents and Project Maintenance." These changes and additions and the many other updates make the new edition well worth the purchase price. First published in 1992, THE LANDSCAPE LIGHTING BOOK has served as the single and indispensable reference for the landscape lighting industry. It has offered all new landscape lighting practitioners guidance and provided an emerging industry the foundation necessary on which to build solid practice. While there is a wealth of other books that offer how-to help and publish pretty pictures, none of them even attempt to define and explain professional practice for the landscape lighting industry with Ms Moyer's authority and confidence. THE LANDSCAPE LIGHTING BOOK is not an easy book to read but it is well worth the effort. Once you understand the theory behind the short cuts and rules-of-thumb that other how to books offer, you are free to create your own. With the freedom you gain when you understand and can apply those fundamental principals and concepts to your landscape lighting, you become like the cook who ignores the printed recipe and creates a masterpiece of culinary art.

The book gives a well documented narrative about landscape lighting design process. One can easily see author's vast on hand experience in small details. Through case studies one can discover a tried and tested method she has been practicing. It gives really indepth view on not only design and installaiton but also maintenance and common faults. It would have been perfect if there would have been an inclusion of LED technology in lamp, luminaire and practise section. And how she manages lighting power guidelines with conventional technology of halogen. Overall I would say this as an essential reading book for landscape lighting.

This book has so much information it will blow the mind of the average layman (IMO). I already had Raine's book, which is quite nice, but this takes the subject to a whole new level. I ended up reading it pretty much cover to cover. I especially appreciated the inclusion of led fixtures and bulbs, which are missing from Raine's book. The only thing it doesn't have are some general guidelines for how many watts to use for various purposes -- moonlighting, uplighting trees, uplighting bushes, up/downlighting sculptures, etc. The other thing I noticed is that the book is very poorly edited. You will find sentences that defy interpretation, misspellings, etc. The poor editing doesn't detract from the value of the book, merely makes it seem less professional than it deserves to be. It's a lot of money to spend for a book, but well worth it, for sure. Lighting systems aren't cheap to install, though led fixtures can make them relatively cheap to operate.

This is an excellent book on landscape lighting. It covers everything. It is current and contains lots of information on LED's which are fast becoming the future of all Landscape lights. We only install LED's ourselves on all of our projects. There is a lot of great information in this book. Even if you are a seasoned pro you will find great new ways of planning layouts, selecting fixtures and even troubleshooting repairs that you never thought of before. This is a must have book for the pros. As a homeowner, if you are installing a Malibu Kit for your front sidewalk then this book is way too much. The price of it alone will prevent that situation from happening. But if you are installing premium fixtures on your property and have a budget for \$1000 and up then I would consider this book a must read, if you are the type to get technical and read up on things before you begin then you won't be disappointed. If you are hiring a pro then you probably won't need this book as they will be handling the details. This book would however give you the wording and knowledge to communicate very well with your installers. This is the Third Edition of the book and I would recommend keeping up with any new Editions as technology changes in the business. The timing of this Edition in particular is important because the LED revolution has changed many things about landscape lighting systems. Many new options are available and previous limitations reduced. 5 Stars Easy!

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