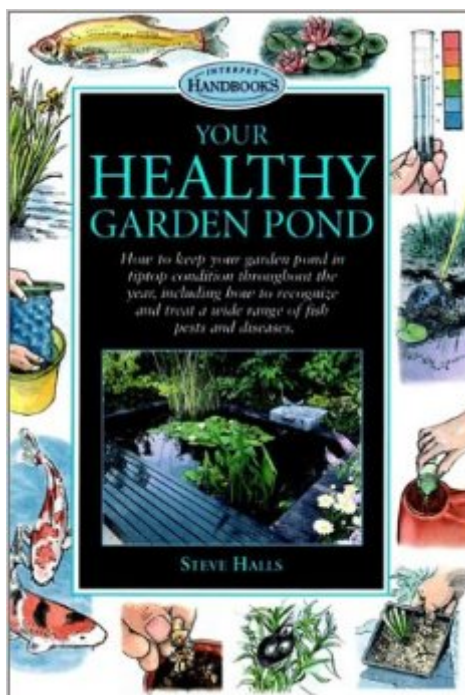


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# Your Healthy Garden Pond (Interpet Handbooks)



## Synopsis

A complete guide to one of the hottest gardening trends. This guide shows water gardeners how to build a pond, add fish and aquatic plants, and keep it all healthy. The book offers: \* Beautiful photographic examples of water gardens\* Easy-to-follow illustrated instructions for setting up a pond\* Tips on selecting fish and plants, plus pictures of common species\* Advice on keeping the pond clean and attractive

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very good book for those who already have a pond. It does not get into the design and construction of ponds, but concentrates on maintaining the pond you have. This is exactly what I was looking for. I did not need to design or construct a pond; however, I did need the knowledge to maintain an existing pond, and this book fit the bill perfectly. It covers: \* Water quality - the nitrogen cycle and what tests you need to perform\* Filtration - types of filters, filter media, cleaning filters\* Algae and plants - types of plants and how to grow them, how to contain algae\* Fish - the different types of fish suitable for a pond and how to diagnose problems\* Pond cleaning - when and how to clean the pond\* Seasonal maintenance. - fall and winter preparations Also this book is illustrated with many full color pictures so you can see clearly what the author is talking about.

Borrowed this book from the library but have to buy it. It's a good reference and does great

explanations. Real helpful for a novice like me.

I used Interpet Products available from my local garden centre and I decided to check out some of the books advertised with their products and so ordered the "Your Healthy Garden Pond". I have read this book and found it a very useful reference, easy to read and with good illustrations. I would recommend it to anyone with a small garden pond.

provides a good overview of the actions needed to maintain a balanced, healthy pond. specific sections address filtration, pond plant maintenance, and fish and their diseases. good to read before starting your pond.

I really liked this book because it covered a number of issues such as fish diseases and water quality with just the right amount of depth and clarity. I believe the book is for someone who has had a pond for a few years and has begun to run into some problems with pond keeping. The detail is not so exhaustive that a newer pond owner would be lost. It could also be a jumping board into deeper study for the very serious pond keeper. I recommend it.

We have recently installed a garden pond and coming off a position of nil knowledge, we needed a down to earth guide so that we could avoid the possibly fatal (to the fish!) pitfalls. This is a short, concise, but very thorough guide which was able to answer the list of questions we had put together. The filtering system was a concern and there is a very extensive section on this including how to choose the right filter, when to run it and the care and maintenance of the system. Plants are another interesting topic which is well covered - I always fancied having snails in the pond as I know they eat algae. However, I quickly learned that this was a very bad idea as although they will eat algae they have a fondness for plants which is their preference! What fish to buy, what sizes and how many is another topic which will exercise the minds of most pond keepers. Again the book was very clear with instructions that 24 inches of fish per square meter of surface area was about right, though you should allow for growth. Some fish are very compatible such as goldfish and koi. However, the catfish which my wife has been fancying proved to be another very bad idea as it appears they grow and grow and regard the other pond inhabitants as a tasty snack! So to summarise, if you are interested in ponds, but have little knowledge this guide is going to teach you all the basics you will need. I imagine that even if your knowledge is already extensive you will still learn quite a lot here.

I purchased this book and "The Pond Doctor" 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 books of similar titles 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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