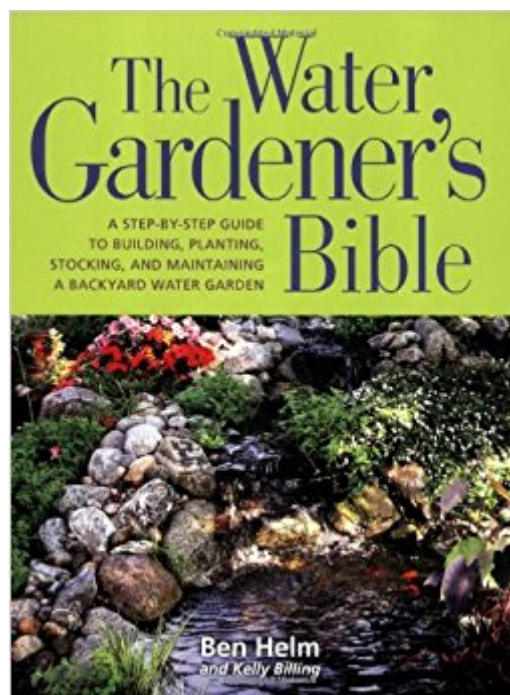




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# The Water Gardener's Bible: A Step-by-Step Guide To Building, Planting, Stocking, And Maintaining A Backyard Water Garden



## Synopsis

Whether it is a small container of water on a deck or patio serving as home to a few plants and water creatures or a more elaborate mix of waterfalls, fountains, rockwork, and lighting, the water garden can be a lovely, spirit-soothing addition to one's property. It's a place to unwind, relax, and escape the cares of the world. But while water has been a prominent feature in garden designs for thousands of years, it is only recently, with the availability of preformed kits at the local home improvement center, that installing a beautiful water garden has become a feasible undertaking for the average homeowner. And now, with the extremely clear and complete instructions in this practical, hands-on guide, a backyard water garden is easier than ever to build and maintain. *Water Gardener's Bible* by Ben Helm and Kelly Billing is a true bible on the subject, with comprehensive information on everything from choosing the right site and selecting aquatic plants and fish to pond management and problem solving. The pages are crammed with specifics about pond biology and chemistry, beneficial bacteria, fish health, nuisance algae, and electrical and child safety. It's all that is necessary to duplicate the sights, sounds, and sanctuary of a babbling brook, splashing fountain, or cascading waterfall right in the backyard.

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## Customer Reviews

BEN HELM is a marine biologist and the marketing and product manager for Nishikoi Aquaculture Ltd., where he also manages the company's consumer advice service. A prolific writer with over 300 published articles, he lives in the UK.

This is a must have book if you are serious about a garden pond. It has basic information about building a pond, but it really shines with its information about plants, fish, maintenance, and the ecology of how to have a balanced pond. I bought a few books while researching building ponds, and this is the best book by far.

a little British, e.g. in choosing which fish to describe, but overall excellent coverage of the "mechanics" of designing and building a pond. includes hardiness maps for Europe and much of the English-speaking world. somewhat redundant, in that related information is presented in several places instead of being collected together. for example, there is a generic chapter in the beginning called "Stocking plants and fish," and later an excellent reference section (about 20% of the book) which is allocated to descriptions of many pond, marginal, and bog plants

Very good, I wasn't expecting so much detailed info on plants.

has very specific information, lots of details about the pond types, setups, types of fish and plants.

This book will be useful to anyone who would like to start a pond. It covers water gardens and fish ponds with a lot of attention to detail. I moved into a house with a water garden and wanted to identify the plants and learn how to take care of it. I found this book very helpful.

I would recommend this book to the beginner to intermediate koi pond owner. It has nice illustrations and is well written. It has everything on how to build and maintain your pond. I loved it.

I am new to this game, and my new home came with a fishpond and lots of goldfish. Totally unplanned! This meant a lot of questions and the books I read before this one answered none of them. This one did. And it is beautifully laid out with nice illustrations.

Recommended!

The book is great if you need step by step instructions, very technical. I was hoping for a book that would show me various ponds so I could get ideas on what I wanted to do. I wanted more pond pictures. Still it covers everything you need to know about having a pond.

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