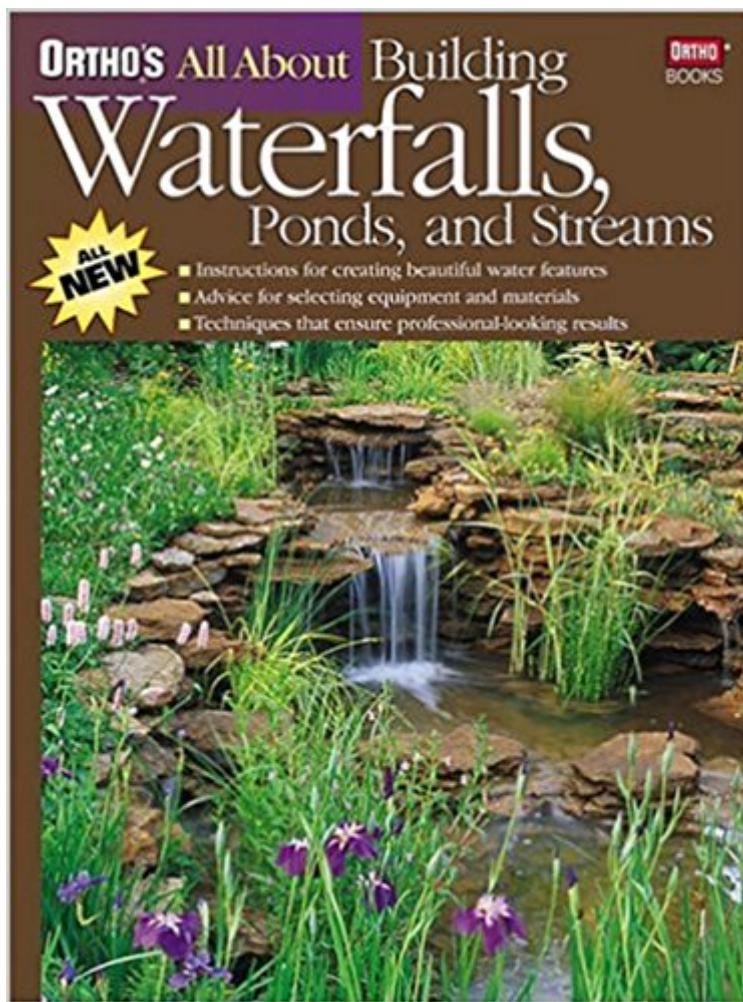


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# Ortho's All About Building Waterfalls, Ponds, And Streams



## **Synopsis**

A practical, easy-to-understand guide to adding both still (ponds) and moving (waterfalls and streams) water features to any garden. Includes complete, easy-to-follow instructions on designing, establishing, and caring for a variety of eye-pleasing water projects. More than 220 vivid photographs and illustrations, plus detailed instructions, make this guide a must-have for garden enthusiasts looking to plan and build a water feature. Expert advice on selecting the right fish and plants for embellishing any backyard aquatic paradise. Solution-based format inspires homeowners to confidently create water havens in their own yards. With an additional 32 pages of information, this second edition provides the very best instructions for building ponds, waterfalls, and streams.

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## **Customer Reviews**

\* Complete guide to building materials and construction techniques \* Thorough advice on choosing and installing the equipment \* Ideas and plans for the ultimate water feature Create your own private oasis! Enhance your gardens with the soothing sights and sounds of water. In Ortho's All About Building Waterfalls, Pools, and Streams, you'll learn the techniques professionals use to build stunning waterfalls, pools, and streams. From the hardware to the how-to, it's all explained here. Plus you'll find guidelines for stocking the project with fish and plants and plans for water features.

Full of lots of pictures, information, and will keep you grabbing it again and again if you are an avid gardner!

The book was great for visualizing what we wanted and to convey that to our landscape architect. It also provided good information regarding care of a pondless waterfall.

Not withstanding the other review, this book is not by hobbyists, but by two growers and specialists in the water gardening field (you know this from reading the bio on each author and I did a little research on each and the industry)! Charles Thomas is a third generation hybridizer and nursery grower and Richard Koogle has over 20 years in the installation, construction and growing business. The pictures and detailed descriptions are very helpful, particularly for a novice installer, such as myself. There are great ideas for water features and solutions for building issues. Also, good information on basic pond care and stocking. A note about Parrot's Feather: used in contained, ornamental water gardens it is a beautiful and functional addition! It helps keep water clear, baby fish love to hide in it and it has a nice, surface growth habit that I love! I didn't see anywhere in the book a mention to toss it into a natural lake, waterway or any other place that would cause it to be a problem. The only things I would like to see more of in this book (hence 4 stars), are more detailed plant and maintenance information. However, it's all about **BUILDING...** so, I knew this going in. The basic info. is still helpful.

This book isn't overly long and filled with over the top water gardening items most people can't afford. The applications discussed are common and to the point. The content isn't bad for a beginning pond builder but you can gather most information from the book from websites online like pondmegastore or lilypons. Beginners & Novices go ahead.

This book is excellent for the price and with a handyman mentality you might be able to figure out the blind spots yourself and commence your pond.

Gives how to, how much, where and why. Probably the best pond construction book I bought.

Great book to learn about building water gardens. Excellent resource and I would highly recommend it.

Just like most of the garden pond books we see, this book recommends invasive plant species such as parrot's feather. If these authors are so knowledgeable, why do they suggest using noxious weeds in water gardens when they should know this is one of the main avenues for the spread of these plants? When an author who isn't just a transformed hobbyist writes a book, I will buy it. I will pass on this one, thanks.

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