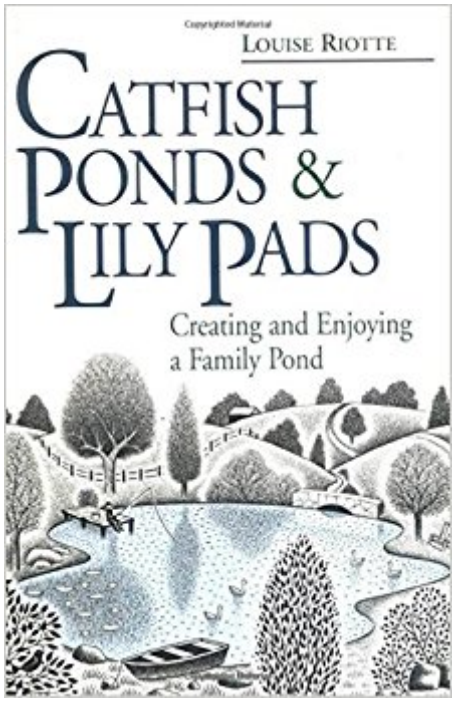
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Catfish Ponds & Lily Pads: Creating And Enjoying A Family Pond



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Synopsis

In this entertaining guide, Louise Riotte tells you everything you need to know to create a productive pond on your own land, from siting the pond to maintaining water quality and stocking the pondÃ Â with fish. She also includes plenty of old-time fishing lore and scrumptious recipes for freshly caughtÃ Â fish.

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Customer Reviews

One of America’s most beloved garden writers reflects on life with a pond. Whether it’s fishing by moonlight, planting iris and weeping willows, catching crawfish, or supervising an unruly crowd of ducks, Louise Riotte knows how to get the most fun out of a family pond. She shares her experiences in this entertaining book, presented with her trademark mix of facts, anedotes, lore, and lively humor. Catfish Ponds & Lily Pads includes:-- How the Riotte family built a pond-- Tips on fish farming with catfish, bass, or trout-- Creating a backyard pool for frogs and water lilies-- Waterside plants - beneficial and harmful-- Recipes, stories, and fascinating asidesÃ Â

Beloved author and life-long gardener Louise Riotte passed away in 1998 at the age of 89. During her life, she wroteÃ Â twelve books on gardening, companion planting, and garden lore, among them the ever-popular Carrots Love Tomatoes. Her father taught her how to practice astrology, while her mother was an herbalist. Together they greatly influenced her life and her books, including Roses Love Garlic, Astrological Gardening, Sleeping with a Sunflower, Catfish Ponds & Lily Pads,

and Raising Animals by the Moon. Riotte was an artist as well as a writer, and her own drawings appear in all of her books. She took great pride in her garden near her home in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Fun to read, but not a guide for fish in a small yard.

This was a fun book. I bought it because I wanted to learn more about ponds - ours was a mess. It did help, but not in the way I thought it would. Other reviewers are right - there is not an overabundance of information in the book. However, it made country living come alive for me and infused my sometimes grumpy attitude towards it with a bit of charm and enchantment. Sounds far fetched, but it is true. I loved the homey manner in which Louise Riotte told her stories and worked them into the ongoing saga of life on her little homestead. It was an absolute treasure of a read. I credit Riotte for my own affection for ducks, for duck eggs, for incubating ducklings, for putting up with all their demands - they bring just as much joy as she says they do - watching them waddle about and paddle on the pond.

I found that this book would have been helpful for pond plants or if I needed a recipe to cook something I had raised in a pond, but I wanted information on keeping fish in a pond. Specifically I was interested in catfish, and silly me, I 'judged the book by its cover.' This book provides very little helpful infomation on raising pond fish as a hobby. If you're interested in spending several thousand dollars to commercially raise fish such as trout, then this book has something to offer. Otherwise don't bother.

This is a beautifully written book! It contains many whimsical anecdotes on the process of building a pond, also much practical information on plants, fish, frogs, turtles, and ducks. Having just built a pond, I found this book just the ticket. It doesn't have much about the actual digging and construction--that information is best obtained from your local Soil and Water Conservation Office. But I highly recommend this book if you're building a "real" pond (not one of those plastic pool things).

This was an excellent book for information on our pond. We will find it and the references inside very useful!

Mostly touchy feely pointless antedotes. At most one page of useful information.

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