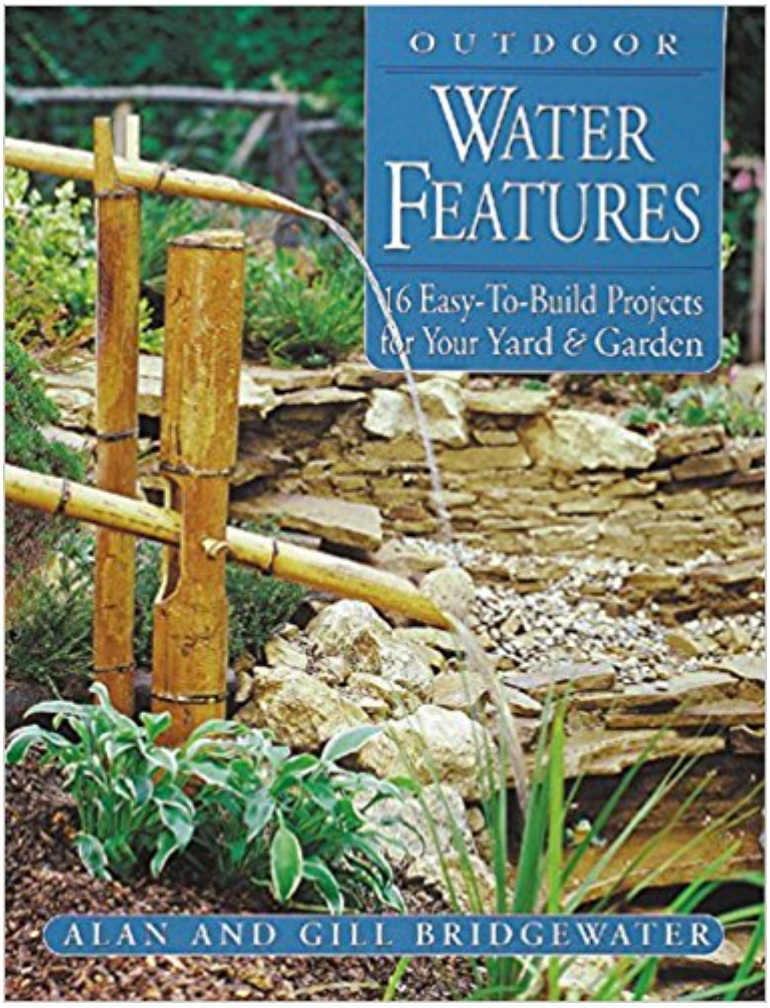
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Bring life and movement to your outdoor living space with the sparkle and cool serenity of water. Alan and Gill Bridgewater show you how to add ponds, pools, cascades, waterspouts, and more to your garden or yard. With step-by-step instructions for 16 easy projects that include a classic wall-mounted fountain spout, a Japanese-style bamboo water pump, and even a container bog garden, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll soon be building a stylish water feature thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s perfectly suited to your landscape.Ã Â

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Ã¢â ¬Å“This all-in-one book from Gill and Alan Bridgewater offers readers plans for 16 different water projects, including fountains and koi pools.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â œ Tulsa WorldÃ Â

Bring life and movement into your yard and garden with the sparkle and cool serenity of water! Ponds, pools, cascades, fountains, waterspouts, and even a container bog garden - whatever the size or style of your outdoor living space, Outdoor Water Features offers attractive plans and step-by-step instructions for introducing water into your yard. Much more than simply a book on water gardens, this is the book for do-it-yourselfers who want to make beautiful outdoor water projects. * Sixteen unique projects for both novice and more experienced do-it-yourselfers * Complete, easy-to-follow, illustrated instructions, including materials lists and cross-section

drawings * Comprehensive information on installing pumps and filters, fitting fountains, creating formal and informal ponds, and selecting plants for water features

I give this book four stars, because while all of the projects are attractive, they aren't all that easy, and the theme of the book is easy-to-build projects. I've built a lot of stuff, so I am in a position to judge what is easy and what is not so easy for the average home hobbyist.A good amount of the projects require you have ready access to yards and yards of gravel, huge pond liners, slate rock, copper sheeting, masonry experience, bulk bamboo supplies and metal working tools.In the beginning, the first couple projects are simple and quick. The exact theme of the book. But as you read more, half way through you get into metal working, $500+ pond liners, pipe bending, cutting railroad ties, etc. This isn't the realm of the average backyard garden hobbyist. It seems they lost their way with the simple projects and the easy to build theme they had started with. In fact by the end, they even say the project will take a month to build. A month. That's not easy.I wouldn't personally have any issues with the complex projects, but I didn't buy this book for me. It was for helping others come up with ideas they can build themselves on a weekend or vacation day with basic tools.I like the book, great pictures, great instructions and really beautiful end products, but most are not for the beginner or "easy-to-build" like the title claims.

I'm looking to add water features to my yard, and I bought this book because it sounded interesting and had good reviews. I guess I should buy books from a brick & mortar store where I can look at them first! I was extremely disappointed with this book. Of the 16 water projects in this book, there are only 2 that I remotely like. This may be my personal taste ... when thinking about water features I am looking for something simple and elegant that looks natural and fits into the surroundings. One of the 16 projects was a fountain made from marbles. Another was simply putting a bog plant into a pot and sticking that in a bowl containing water. Another reviewer here liked the wine-bottle fountain, but it was not to my taste. The "look inside" feature doesn't show the right pages, but if you look at the back cover of this book, you can see a few examples of the fountains. In my opinion, these are some of the better ones in the book, but do not match up with my idea of a water feature. I guess I'll keep looking.

This book has some good information, great design ideas,and beautiful pictures. My pond is up and running, andthe fishies and frogs and water lillies are VERY Happy.

I haven’t started any of the projects yet, but the book looks good: lots of illustrations and carefully written text. I’m eager to start working with it.

Nice clear color pictures, good instructions that are easy to follow, good selection of projects to do, easy to build on these ideas

Great ideas, but would have like to see more simple projects. But still an excellent idea book. Used book wasn’t bad either.

Repetition of other books nothing new & exciting. Over priced

Great simple ideas

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