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information. Don't accept less. Raise your expectations of what your water feature can look like. Buy this book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very well written with good drawings and photos for design ideasBy T. ManningVery well written with good drawings and photos for design ideas. Not as much information with regards to actual construction.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Dianne ChampneyGreat information!

A reference for all water gardeners, whether amateur or professional. From building a wall fountain or installing a pond to replanting a stream, it features technical advice and drawings, steering the reader around the pitfalls. Areas covered include: designing a full range of water features, including fountains, ponds, bog gardens, streams and leisure pools; preparing the site, whether flat, sloping, wet or dry, on sand or on rock; construction methods and materials; special effects with lighting, stepping stones and islands; safety and maintenance measures; stocking a pond with fish and attracting wildlife; planting techniques; and a full catalogue of floating, emergent and marginal plants, marsh and water-loving plants, as well as waterside trees and shrubs.

About the AuthorAnthony Archer-Wills has designed and built over 2,000 water features - from small ponds in urban gardens to vast lakes on country estates. He runs a design consultancy and water plant nursery in West Sussex. His innovative use of new materials and boldly imaginative construction techniques is widely acclaimed by gardening experts, and he is much in demand, in both Europe and the United States, as a lecturer on every aspect of water feature construction and planting. He is the author of many books. To visit Anthony Archer-Wills' website [click here](#)