



Ponds, Watergardens, and Koi for the Truly Inept, Nancy Ann Mattingly, J.I. Faison Publishing, 2005, 0977407500, 9780977407507, . A humorous, witty, wry "how to" for beginners! Full of facts, figures, diagrams, pictures, and everything else you'll need to get a pond built, and take good care of your koi fish. Addresses the reader in a friendly, easy to understand, down to earth manner. Makes a great gift for the "do it yourselfer"!

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Manual Of Koi Health , Keith Holmes, Tony Pitham, Nov 30, 2004, , 160 pages. Practical advice, written for nontechnical readers, from two experienced koi professionals on disease diagnosis, prevention and treatment of koi. Profusely illustrated in color

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Living Jewels , Watt, Servaas De Kock, Dec 1, 2003, , 160 pages. Since the introduction of koi in the 1970s, these graceful and dignified 'living jewels' have become the hobby -- or obsession -- of many South Africans, and the koi shows at

M-By-M Gardening:Illinois , James Alfred Fizzell, May 1, 1999, , 319 pages. Do I prune my hydrangea in the fall or do I wait until early spring? When is it safe to put out tomatoes? Can I divide iris now? If you have ever asked yourself questions like

Creating a Koi Pond , Keith Holmes, Tony Pitham, Jul 1, 2002, , 77 pages. .

The Complete Pond Builder Creating a Beautiful Water Garden, Helen Nash, Apr 1, 1997, Gardening, 144 pages. Discusses the construction of ponds, streams, and waterfalls from natural materials and preformed liners, explores the necessary pumps and tubing, and suggests appropriate

The Cult of the Koi , Michugo Tamadachi, 1994, , 320 pages. During the 1990 Nishikigoi (Koi) Show held in Tokyo, a group of experts convened to discuss the knowledge which they considered vital for beginners and advanced koi-lovers. Dr

The Essential Book of Koi A Complete Guide to Keeping and Care, Steve Hickling, Mick Martin, Bernice Brewster, Keith Holmes, Nick Fletcher, Nov 1, 2007, , 256 pages. The Essential Book of Koi combines research from leading international authorities on koi with the captive-care techniques of experienced aquarists to yield the most up-to-date

The Super Simple Guide to Koi , Brian M. Scott, Nov 1, 2003, , 128 pages. Everything you need to know toknow to get started with Koi in your Garden Pond.

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On to the review: I am also just beginning to keep koi, although I have been admiring them for many years. Of course, this year, the bookstores and pet shops in my area do not stock much in the way of books the subject (in fact I have found all of one, which is rather down from the variety on the shelves last year), so I have been relying on amazon and the internet in general to review and select a few start-up titles. We have an existing natural pond, and what are probably other good factors in our favor, which are offset by my personal handicaps when it comes to details and hard work. Of course, I acquired a mixed dozen+ fish (nishikigoi and feeder comets) BEFORE doing my homework. In Ms. Mattingly's favor, she speaks well of the feeder fish too.

So after some research, I purchased this title as well as How to Keep Koi: An Essential Guide, by David Twigg. I highly recommend both titles, although with some I guess they are called caveats. HTKK is a moderately detailed book with lots of illustrations, and is available with amazon's special upgrade so you can view it online straightaway upon ordering it. So it is suitable for all rational beginners, I should think. But this review is not about that book (I do recommend it as a companion to Mattingly's volume though). This book, Ponds, Watergardens, and Koi for the Truly Inept, is charming and realistic from the get-go. Be forewarned, though: it needs some serious editing. It is full of typos/spelling errors, punctuation errors, and the like. Read more ›

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