

# Robyn's Pond Book

By Robyn Rhudy

Novice and advanced pond keepers alike will find something useful in Robyn's Pond Book. Based on her well-traveled pond web site which according to one fan, "blows away any other site I have been to about ponds," this book answers all those pond-keeping questions not answered by traditional books. Almost every conceivable pond topic is covered. It covers hundreds of species of plants and animals in depth. Robyn provides details on goldfish, koi, orfe, rosy red minnows, frogs, toads, salamanders, turtles, snails, shrimp, aquatic insects, and dozens of other animals. She provides help for problems relating to algae, aquatic plant care, mosquitoes, herons, and much more. Each topic includes scientific information as well as personal stories on Robyn's experiences. This book is part short stories, part journal, part reference, and part fun. Readers can learn where to obtain multiple free catalogs; where to purchase various supplies, animals, and plants; where to search for pond information; and how to deal with everything from a leaking liner to a fish-eating raccoon. The book concentrates on natural, organic methods of establishing a crystal-clear pond full of colorful plants and healthy fish, frogs, and other animals.

Robyn's web site has convinced even those people who didn't even want a pond that they just had to have one! Other desperate pond owners ready to give up changed their minds with Robyn's help and turned their ponds around. Whether you want a pond, are building a pond, have a pond, or sell ponds for a living; this book will teach you something that you didn't know, provide links to other web sites, make you laugh, and inspire you to try something new! Robyn's Pond Book tells pond keepers what they really want to know. It's easy to read but full of details. She has researched almost every topic relating to fish ponds and water gardening so you don't have to do it! This book is guaranteed to be different than any other pond book you have encountered!

Robyn lives in Howard County, Maryland with her four cats, one dog, two rabbits, two guinea pigs, one sailfin lizard, two hedgehogs, six chickens, three aquariums, and eight ponds which are all covered on her extensive web site. She graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from the University of Maryland in 1994 with a major in chemistry and a minor in French. In 1996, Robyn obtained a Masters degree in analytical chemistry and soon began her first pond. By 1997, she had an 1800 gallon pond and created her pond web site. Robyn spent countless hours reading on ponds through books, magazines, and web sites. She has since advised many hundreds of people on various topics relating to her pets, aquariums, and water gardening. Robyn works as an HPLC food chemist.

The book has 292 pages, is text-only, and is available as an e-book for \$4.95 or as a 8.25"x11" softcover book for \$16.95. The ISBN is 0-7596-7538-4. The LCCN is 2002100512. Robyn also has a free pond e-newsletter. See <http://userpages.umbc.edu/~rrhudy1/news.htm> or <http://www.fishpondinfo.com> for more information or e-mail Robyn at [help@fishpondinfo.com](mailto:help@fishpondinfo.com)

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For more information, see  
<http://userpages.umbc.edu/~rrhudy1/book.htm>

**Here are some of the things that fans have had to say about Robyn's Pond Pages  
(<http://www.fishpondinfo.com>)  
on which Robyn's Pond Book is based:**

"...I think your web site is the best on the internet! It is so full of great information. Thank you for the service you are providing to those of us who have built ponds and are trying to learn and get our ponds established...." - Mary Ann, 3/25/99.

"Hi, while I was looking for information about keeping turtles in a pond. I happened to stumble upon your website! And what a blessing it was! Not only did I find the information I was looking for but I found lots more....Your website was surprisingly very useful. You see I am not an amateur pond owner, I make ponds and am an experienced hobbyist. My point is your website read so well and is so filled with useful tid bits that I just had to e-mail you about it! Your website is one of the very few websites that provides the information about ponds that I believe people want. I have visited many watergardening sites as well as homepages and other pond sites, but yours is truly unique. I was shocked because your website looks like a regular homepage, nothing fancy. But the information is quite fancy indeed!...I look forward to referring people to your page...." - Michael, 5/7/99.

"Firstly I want to thank you for an ABSOLUTELY STUNNING web page. It is very informative and easy to negotiate around...." - Lee, 10/8/99.

"You have the totally greatest pond page on the internet. It is so good I am surprised it is not a military secret! Just the kind of info I need. Catalogs. Suggestions. Pitfalls. You should design web sites for a living. Many, many thanks." - Dave, 6/7/00.

"Can I first of all congratulate you on a brilliant, brilliant website. I was recommended to visit it by another new UK ponder who said that I would find out just about everything I could ever wish to know about the upkeep of my new pond and fish there. Well, she was absolutely right - I must have spent the last hour browsing through - I will certainly put it on my favorites list and make sure that I visit it regularly...." - Michelle, 10/1/00.

"...I have the highest admiration for your internet site. It has more info packed into it than any other single location. Truly one-stop pondering...." - David, 4/24/01.

**Excerpt from Robyn's Pond Book:**

**What To Do Before Anything Else**

If you are considering building a new pond or doing something new with your ponds, before you do anything or buy anything, you should do the following.

1. Buy one or two good pond books. See the section on pond books for those that I have.
2. Visit a number of pond web sites for ideas and information. See the section on pond links for just a few of the thousands of pond web sites available.
3. Order a lot of free pond catalogs. By seeing what equipment, plants, and animals are available, you will be better able to plan. Even if you do not buy anything from a particular catalog, it will inspire you. See the section on pond catalogs for a list of some of the free catalogs available.
4. Read through the newsgroup rec.ponds for ideas and to see what is going on. Once you feel comfortable, post your own questions.

**For additional information on the book including a list of errors in the book, see  
<http://userpages.umbc.edu/~rrhudy1/book.htm>**