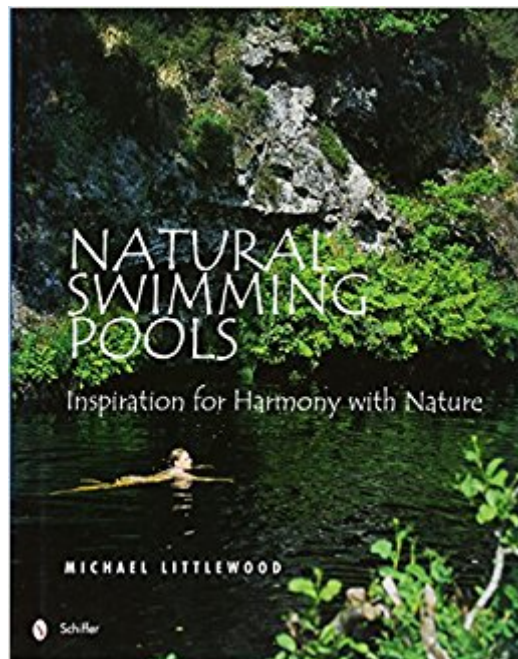




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Natural Swimming Pools: Inspiration For Harmony With Nature (Schiffer Design Books)



Synopsis

Natural swimming pools rely on the correct balance of living plants and micro-organisms to clean and purify the water. They are easy and less costly to maintain than chemical pools. Chlorine and other common pool chemicals that are hazardous to human health are not used. Natural pools are safe places for children to play and birds to drink, and are a dramatic example of ecological design, combining the natural and man-made worlds while creating beauty. These pools offer enjoyment not only in the warm months, but during winter, when they can be used for ice skating. Often the focal point of a garden, a natural swimming pool blends into the environment, flowing into the surroundings with plants and rocks. It reflects the changing seasons and enhances the environment naturally. This book is a necessary resource for people who consider a natural swimming pool. It shows how the natural system works to provide environmental, health, and safety benefits. Drawings, diagrams, and charts help explain their planning, design, biology, materials, construction, planting, and maintenance. Over 300 beautiful color photographs of natural pools will inspire your own water garden, where you can swim in harmony with nature.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Littlewood is a natural landscape architect and environmental planner with an outstanding international reputation and extensive experience in successfully designing and implementing sustainable land use projects.

If you've not read about natural pools before, this is a good introduction. It has a number of beautiful pictures that can be inspiring if you want to design your own. However, it is short on the technical details you would need to design your own natural pool. And, the guidelines that it does contain are just repeated over and over. I suspect that this author's other book, "Natural Swimming Pools: A Guide to Building", contains the information I am looking for, but I just don't have the \$117 (\$62 currently for used) to spend on it.

Thumbing through the book will make you want to move to Austria or Germany where beautiful "natural" pools are somewhat established. Why is the U. S. so environmentally backward? Unfortunately, the text is awkwardly translated at times such that one has to struggle to figure out what is meant with limited success. The assumption is that one is swimming only in the summer, but in California we may want to swim year round. Useful especially since so little information is available. Can't understand why the publisher didn't insist on professional proofreading. Buy it for inspiration, or wait for the next edition, or wait for one more applicable to your area. It does provide info in the back about two U.S resources, one in CA.

beautiful book, great pictures

another book for natural pools, I love it!

This book provides information that is well organized and gives a variety of options depending on your site. It includes photographs of natural swimming ponds that are landscaped in a variety of designs and settings.

I enjoyed this book. I enjoyed the pictures most of all. This is a great book to get Ideas, inspiration and very basic information about natural swimming pools. A nice coffee table topper. The books title is true to what you will find inside. As far as the grammar is concerned - it really didn't bother me that much. It's not a novel...Nice Book- Save money and buy it used:)

Pros: This book has tons of reference for building your own Natural pool. Pictures are large and beautiful. Diagrams are detailed and informative. The binding is heavy and sturdy, great for coffee table! Cons: The Book seems hastily edited. It's riddled with spelling, punctuation, and tense

This is more than a 'how to' book. It is a great resource for anyone considering installing a natural pool instead of a conventional pool with the listed pros and cons, the amazing photos, and of course the user friendly instructions.

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