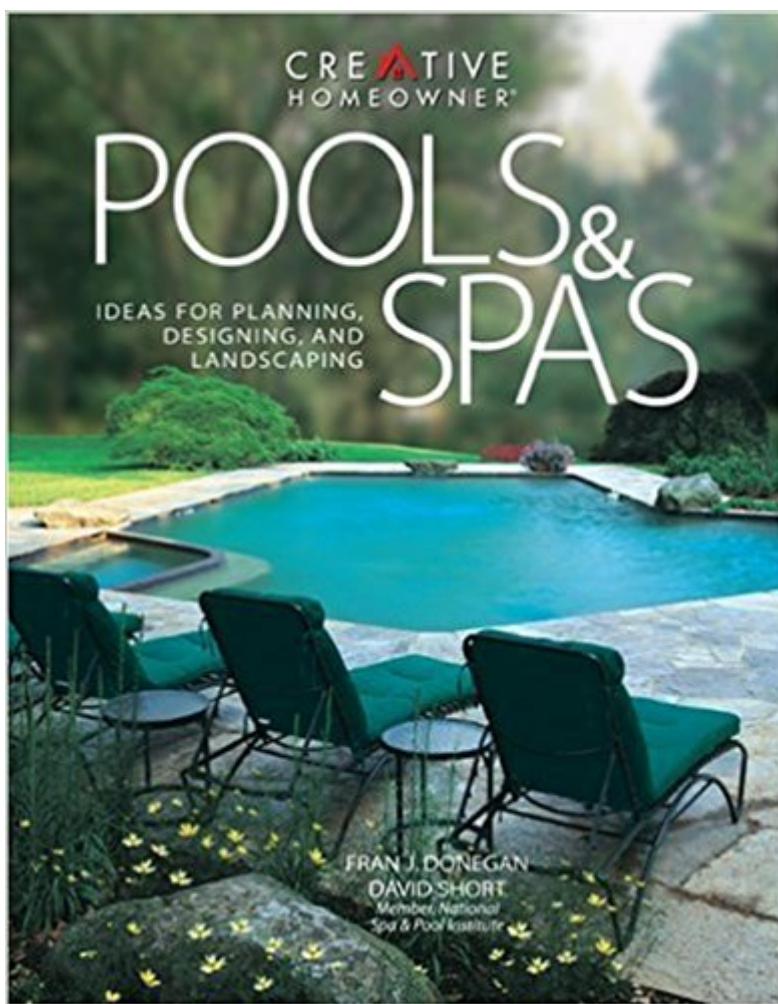


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# Pools & Spas: Ideas For Planning, Designing, And Landscaping



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"...a great research tool for homeowners planning a new pool....."--Home & DesignFinalist for an Ippy Award (Independent Publisher Book Award)and ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year Award.

Creative Homeowner helps turn a dream into a reality with Pools & Spas: Ideas for Planning, Designing, and Landscaping. This book offers ideas and advice through the complete process from pool/spa selection to creating an attractive environment. Over 300 inviting color photos and illustrations show the many options from infinity-edge pools to indoor swim spas; from built-ins to attractive aboveground pools. Valuable advice is included on site selection, materials, financing, and more. As the crowning touch, Pools & Spas suggests ideas to create the ideal setting for the new pool or spa using decks, patios, and landscapes.

This is a good book to set you on the path to your perfect pool. The author highlights many standard and some very unique designs and describe what additional equipment (such as pumps or filters) is needed. Pool maintenance and chemistry are covered in detail since pools require regular upkeep. Other topics include safety, landscaping, and somewhat related subjects like ponds and saunas. While this won't help you find a local builder, that's a whole other story, it will allow you to show them what you have in mind.

Loved this book from cover to cover! This book helped me create my dream backyard! Not only did it give me great ideas, it explained step by step the building of my inground pool which enabled me to work closely with all the various contractors.

I borrowed this book from the library (too many pool books are not worth buying), and spent the rest of the night looking at it. Great photo examples of various types of pools that are described in detail, along with chapters on Safety, Design, Landscaping, Materials, etc... One of the best! (Same review as Pool & Spa Planner by Better Homes & Gardens, because they are both great books!)

There are some good ideas and landscape ideas in this book for designing spas and pools. In the end I probably only spent 20 minutes in this book and didn't get a whole lot out of it. We spent a considerable amount of money on our pool but we live in Arizona and the landscape ideas didn't apply to this climate. Overall, lots of pretty pictures. 2 out of 5 stars.

Full of photographs of beautifully designed pools and spas set in various architectural environments, "Pools & Spas" is literally full of creative ideas if you are planning on adding a pool or spa to your home. However, the book does not stop with designs but also includes information on maintenance, various types of pool equipment, and even the process of installing an in ground pool. While the coverage of in ground pool installation is not detailed enough to do it yourself it does give you an idea of what is going on at the various stages so you know what to expect from your contractor. If you are even thinking of installing a pool or spa, whether in ground, above ground, or portable, you should pick up a copy of "Pools & Spas". It includes a lot of factors that you might overlook when planning your pool and everything you need to know to take care of it correctly when it is finished.

Co-written by home improvement expert Fran Donegan and residential/commercial pools and spa expert David Short, Pools & Spas: Ideas For Planning, Designing, And Landscaping is a

straightforward, user friendly, comprehensive guide which is written in a clear, highly accessible text which is enhanced throughout with full-color photography. Emphasizing safety, practical concerns, step-by-step precautions, installation, and maintenance, aboveground and in-ground installations, decking and landscaping, and so much more, Pools & Spas is an exceptional manual and very highly recommended for anyone who is considering adding a pool or a spa to their commercial or residential property.

There are a lot of pretty home design books out there that have very little information tucked between the pictures. This book is full of information but also has a number of handsome photos of pools, spas, and water gardens which will give you ideas if you are planning a custom designed pool or tub. It's a great resource for someone thinking of installing these features in their backyard, and it also touches on landscaping, lighting, and even saunas.

We also borrowed this from the library, but found we didn't want to return it. We spent hours showing each other what pictures we really liked, got great tips on the issues the pool owner faces and have a real idea of what we need to consider. So, since we want to use this during the planning process, we bought it!

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