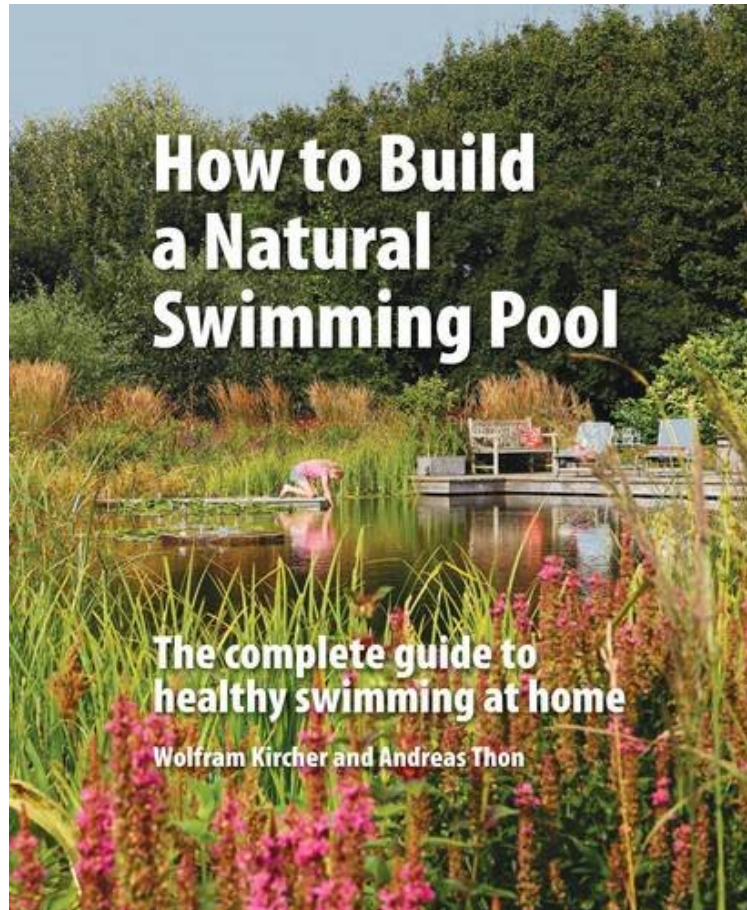


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**Wolfram Kircher, Andreas Thon : How to Build a Natural Swimming Pool** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Build a Natural Swimming Pool:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. not an engineering guide, or diy instructions, but more in depth than inspirationalBy MadsjchicThis book will not actually give you plans for building your natural swimming pool, but the presentation and pictures are very lovely. A satiny texture to the book cover is also very nice from a tactile point of view. As for content, I like the flow of information. I think you could use this if you are technically minded to help in making good decisions when drafting your own plans (sizing, hydrology, etc). The end section with the case studies I feel were the most enlightening, because they show what HAS been done and in what context. There is a bit of pricing information, but I would say these are ballpark figures for you to have an idea of the feasibility of different styles. Same goes for the plant guides, in that obviously what works specifically for your microclimate will vary, but the author gives advice on why different plant groupings work well together.1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Customer DanYell DMet expectations0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very complete bookBy CustomerI found this book very complete, thank to its pictures, its detailed explanations as well as

the very explicit list of plants that can be used for natural swimming pool. I recommend it for people interested in how to build and maintain a natural swimming pool and want to go deeper than just nice pictures and superficial explanation. I personally learned a lot!

Natural swimming pools are the biggest news for gardeners since green roofs. The water is cleaned by aquatic plants instead of chlorine so it is gentle on the eyes and healthy for swimmers. These self-cleaning ecosystems are beautiful to look at and provide a valuable water source for dragonflies, honeybees and other beneficial insects. Wolfram Kircher has researched extensively into the low-nutrient-dependent plants that are needed for the surrounds of natural swimming pools and the high-nutrient dependent plants that are required for the regeneration zone. In the book he demonstrates how to maintain the nutrient level in perfect balance to keep down the algae down and water sparkling. The authors have installed pools for decades and trialed different systems and plants to come up with the best possible designs.

About the Author Wolfram Kircher is a leading international expert on natural swimming pools and teaches plant ecology at the University of Applied Sciences at Bernburg, Germany. Andreas Thon is an irrigation and water purification consultant and landscape architect who has built many natural swimming pools. Noel Kingsbury is the author of *Gardens by Design* and *The Glory of the Tree*.