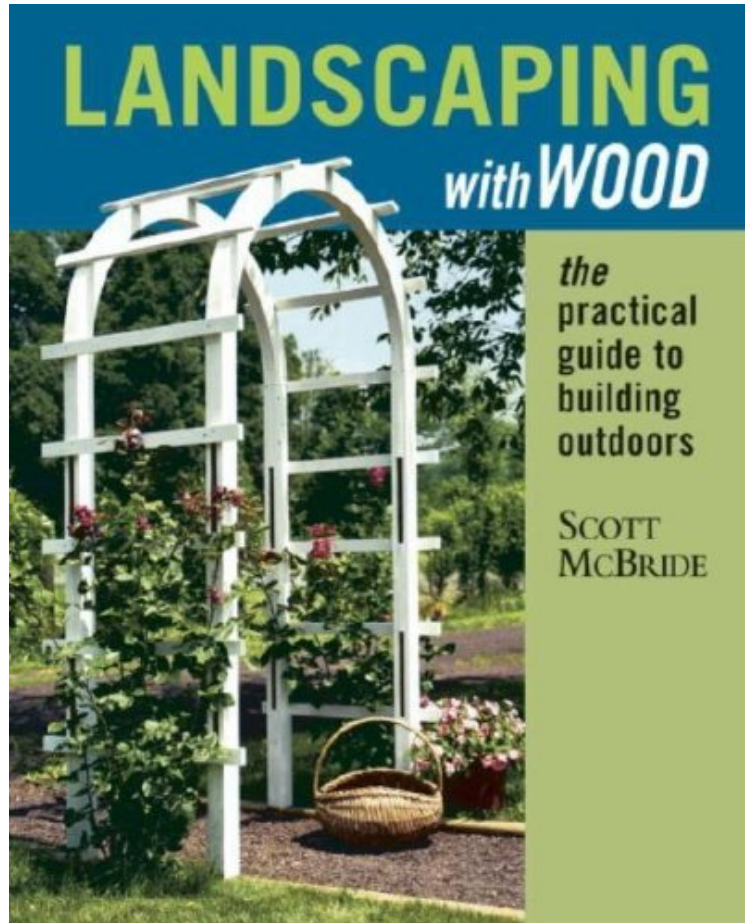


# Landscaping with Wood: The Practical Guide to Building Outdoors

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**Scott McBride : Landscaping with Wood: The Practical Guide to Building Outdoors** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Landscaping with Wood: The Practical Guide to Building Outdoors:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing designsBy ConsultologyI was disappointed with this book, as I expected to see some clever and possibly unique designs for outdoor garden features such as pergolas and gazebos. Instead the book is really about woodworking techniques, using simple generic structures. I passed it on to my contractor. On the other hand, the title says it is a practical guide to building outdoors, and it is.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beginner's manualBy Bluegrass GalFound this very basic. Someone with no introduction to outdoor construction of structures may find it helpful.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great for beginnersBy A CustomerI just love this book. I'm new to woodworking. One of the things I like about this book, is the tips. It doesn't just show you how to put the project together, he gives you tips on making it last. Although I thought the parts on wood selection would be boring, it will help me to select better wood at the lumber yard. The pictures are in

color and shows you the steps to complete the project. These are practical projects so there are not a lot of fancy trim details, which is great for a beginner. The hardest item is the arbor on the cover page and I think I could do that after looking at the book. Some of the projects will depend on the size area that you have. He doesn't give you a list of materials but tells you the size boards he uses or recommends. If you're a beginner this book will give you confidence.

A good landscape is so much more than just plants and soil. A well-done wooden structure adds exciting height and dimension to any yard. In *Landscaping with Wood*, expert builder and gardener Scott McBride helps homeowners, gardeners, builders, and woodworkers add attractive and useful structures to outdoor spaces. He explains all the basics of construction, from choosing materials to the finished product. Step-by-step color photos, detailed instructions, and helpful sidebars on using tools enable homeowners to create beautiful and durable landscape structures. The book covers practical structures such as borders, raised beds, and retaining walls as well as classic arbors, pergolas, and fences.

.com Most gardens need some kind of structural help to create edging, raised beds, trellises, fences, dividers, and retaining walls. Wood has traditionally been one of the most common and versatile materials to enhance and beautify the garden. Scott McBride, a well-known gardener and professional woodworker, nicely outlines many of the wooden structures that can be used in the garden in this well-illustrated and comprehensive guide. He lays out the planning process; the selection of proper grades and varieties of wood; and the basics of borders and steps, retaining walls, raised beds, fences, gates, arbors, trellises, and pergolas. Individual plans are provided with descriptions of the basic process to create customized projects with beautiful results. --Mark A. Hetts  
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