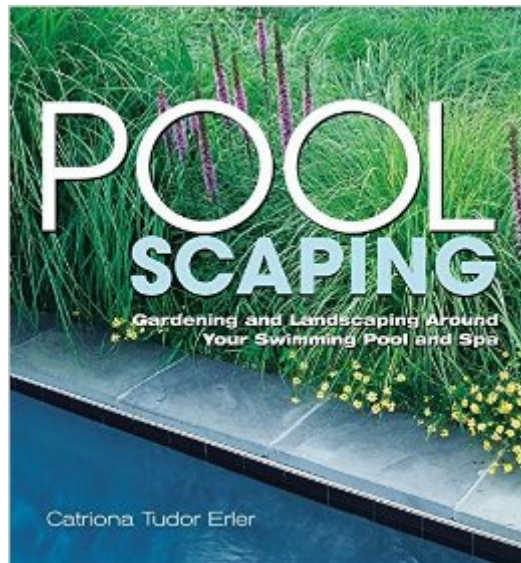


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# Poolscaping: Gardening And Landscaping Around Your Swimming Pool And Spa



## Synopsis

Transform your pool into a welcoming and appealing focal point of your home's outdoor living space. Catriona Tudor Erler shows you how to incorporate lighting, tile, edging, and fountains as she takes you step-by-step through the poolscaping process and encourages you to design the water space of your dreams. Add a natural touch with stunning poolside plants that are low-maintenance and won't drop leaves, so you can skip the mess and bring lively color right up to the water's edge.

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on planning ahead when installing a pool or landscaping around it, and on matters relating to the budget. Both are very important and often overlooked..The writer obviously has an encyclopedic knowledge of her topic and her writing is crisp and to-the-point. She understands the issues facing people who want to integrate their pool into their garden and addresses them directly. Her photographs illustrate her points with relevance and clarity. I'd recommend this book to anyone trying to add some style and class to a garden with a swimming pool.

This book is a must have! It is beautifully illustrated and very informative. If you own a pool or are thinking about getting one this book is a great investment. It covers everything from choosing a design for your pool to plants and lighting. The pictures are spectacular! I Preordered this book and I'm glad I did. It was worth the wait.

I was a little disappointed when I first got this book as the photos weren't all eye-popping fancy layouts - BUT - - I have found the book surprisingly good to read!! I've been up late every night pouring over it's content. It's written very, very well and you will learn some great hints, regardless of budget. I am so pleased I decided to write a review (which I've never done). I hope the authors continue to write on this subject! It's a GREAT BOOK! Thank you!

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This book contains some nice ideas, although most or very very expensive. I pulled a lot of good ideas from this book and would definitely recommend it to someone who is considering building a pool, but doesn't know how they want it landscaped. Good book.

I loved the book for design ideas. Although the book contains pools that must cost over 50K, you can get some great ideas from it. We have a palper's budget, but there were a lot of beautiful photo's to get you started and give you ideas to break the standard ho hum swimming pool look. Designers in our area had no imagination and some told us that we do not have room on our property for a pool,,, bah humbug! We're not going with the 'sale pool package' most companies wanted to sell us, but we still will have a pool worthy of their next book (cross my fingers!!) for a few dollars more. We just had to find the right company with a little creativity.

Based on the description, I believed this book would be full of design ideas and photos of well-landscaped pools. It isn't. If you are looking (as I was) for examples to show a landscaper (or to do it yourself), you should look elsewhere.

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