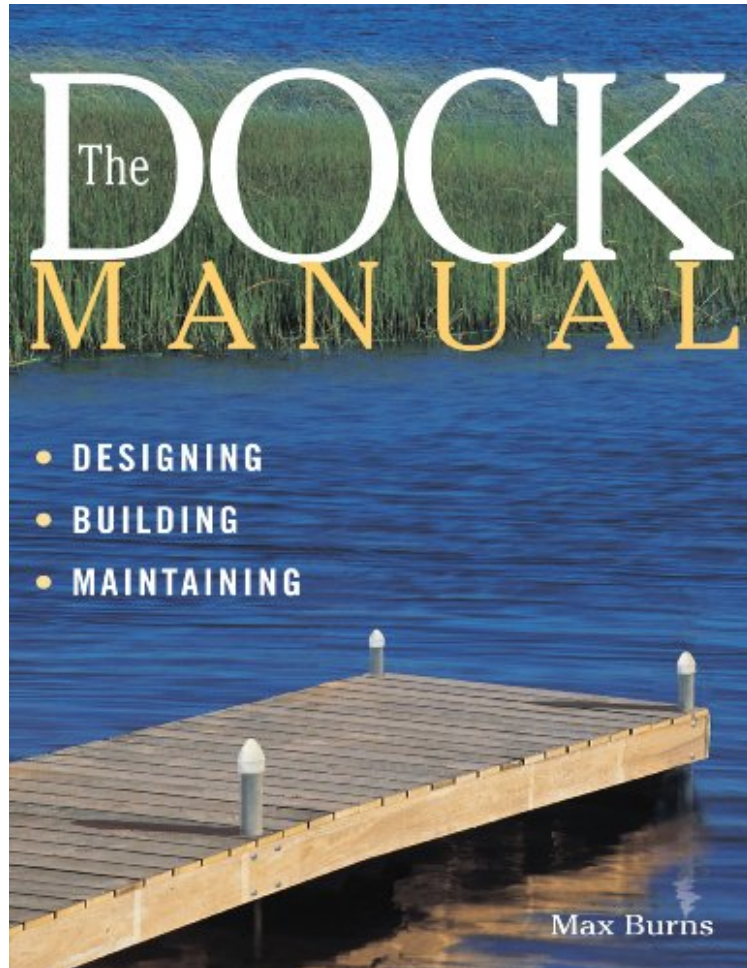


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Thomas McSally "The Dock Manual" tells you everything you need to know about designing, building and maintaining a small residential dock. It is an extremely well written and enjoyable book to read and is loaded with beautiful line drawings and photographs. There are extensive sections on the different types of docks, materials, tools, hardware and building techniques. The section on connecting your dock to the shore was worth buying on its own! The section on designing your dock was short but there are pictures and drawings of various types of docks scattered throughout the book. I've gotten many "do it yourself" type of books from and I think "The Dock Manual" is one of the best! If you have a dock, are planning on building a dock or just dreaming of it then you will LOVE this book!

Add value and enjoyment to your waterfront property by building your own dock. From analyzing your shoreline and choosing an appropriate design to accessorizing with decorative trims, Max Burns covers every aspect of dock construction. Providing illustrated step-by-step instructions with complete materials and tools lists for 10 distinct docks, Burns also offers expert advice on different types of ramps and winterizing techniques. Encouraging you to get out on the water, this guide will inspire you create the dock of your dreams.

From the Author My writing of service and how-to journalism has always been guided by the belief that given the reasons why, folks are more likely to do the job right than if simply told how to go about some esoteric task. Knowledge converts the drudgery of work into understanding. Understanding puts you in control, which is where you should be as the owner/operator of your very own water and sewage system. So in common with my other how-to books and articles, The Dock Manual is not just a how-to book, it's also a "why?" book. I also believe that no matter who the reader--from novice to expert--that person should enjoy the read and learn something. "How-to" books are about work; reading the book shouldn't be. So while ensuring that my writing is jam-packed with good information and tricks of the appropriate trades, it's important to me that the book (whether one of mine or one I am reading) also be a good read. Respect for the environment, too, is another theme that runs through my service journalism. Not the trade-car-for-bicycle or eat-only-lettuce-fertilized-with-natural-gnats'-poo sort of radical stuff, but most definitely there are ways any member of humanity can minimize his or her impact on earth while still maintaining a lifestyle compatible with comfort and convenience. And this holds particularly true for that sensitive interface between land and water that is so important to our survival yet so easily damaged (and so easily preserved, for that matter). The Dock Manual explains how to take advantage of all that your shoreline has to offer while minimizing the disruption to existing surroundings. From the Back Cover The essential ingredient for full enjoyment of your river, lake, pond, or oceanfront property. If you're fortunate enough to own waterfront property, you know that a dock is essential for realizing maximum value and enjoyment of that land. Now you can build your own dock, or repair an existing dock, with this comprehensive, easy-to-use guide -- the only book devoted exclusively to residential docks. The Dock Manual contains 10 complete plan for stationary and floating docks -- each with materials and tool lists, and simple, illustrated construction techniques. You'll also find step-by-step instructions for analyzing your shoreline and choosing the right dock for your needs. You'll refer to The Dock Manual throughout the year for expert advice to help you: * Make repairs and upgrades * Winterize your dock * Build angle, roller, and stair ramps * Paint, stain, and treat your dock * Deter and repair decay to wood and plastic * Incorporate design options like trims and colors