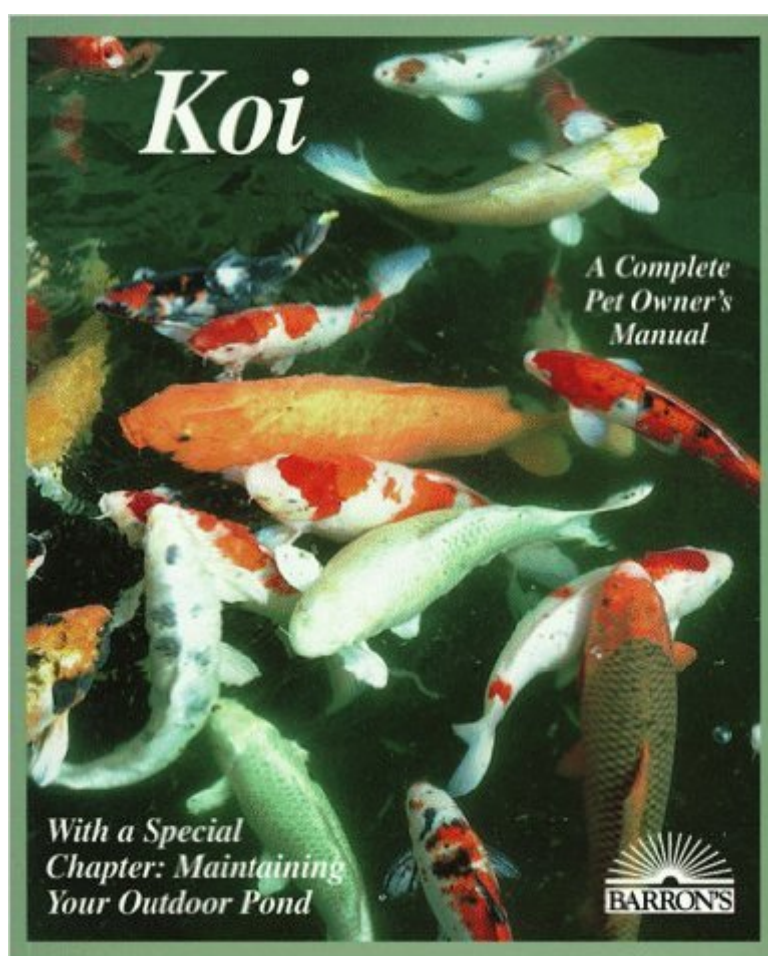


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# Koi: Everything About Selection, Care, Nutrition, Diseases, Breeding, Pond Design And Maintenance, And Po (Barron's Complete Pet Owner's Manuals)



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Barron's Complete Pet Owner's Manuals for aquarium owners are profusely illustrated with full-color photos and instructive, high-quality line art. These books are written in clear, direct language that will appeal to amateur hobbyists, but they also contain information that even experienced breeders will find enlightening. Individual titles in this still-growing list focus on many different kinds of fish, as well as on aquarium plants and general aquarium maintenance.

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If you're a beginner at having a pond and keeping koi, this is a great book. It has everything from digging the pond, filters and pumps...to everything you need to know to keep the pond clean for your fish. The book identifies the various breeds of koi, with a complete section on diseases.

who have koi. Good section on diseases and descriptions on the different color patterns of the various classes of koi. A must for the beginner or someone doing a school project or for those just thinking about adding a pond and koi to their property.

This book has all the information you need on keeping Koi. Don't let its small size fool you. I have browse through all available Koi books, this book is the only one you need. You will not get more information from other books, except for more pictures. Buy this book and another book titled "The pond's Bible" for excellent information on pond building and maintenance. These two books will

be more than enough for keeping Koi successfully.

This book includes everything you need to take care of koi, but sometimes in too much detail. Many of the items in this book are exactly the opposite of what I have read elsewhere (e.g. wheatgerm sticks are bad for koi??) While too much detail is usually the problem, there are also many parts when there are not enough facts to actually understand what this book is trying to say. It's an OK beginners guide, but some parts can be tedious and confusing.

If this were an expensive book, I wouldn't rate it so highly, but it has more information than you'd think for a cheap little paperback. The koi varieties section is mediocre, but you want a big glossy hardcover for that anyway, right? The advice on koi handling and transport is outstanding, with great emphasis on minimizing stress to your fish. There is also information on plants, something most koi keepers disdain to mention. Another reviewer thought the author was against wheat germ sticks for koi--he's not condemning them, just saying there's no proof they make a difference in over-wintering. So much of koi advice is unsupported, it doesn't hurt to mention the fact.

I purchased this book because my wife and I are buying a new home, and it comes with a Koi pond, as well as a number of Koi. My knowledge of these fish is barely above absolute zero, so I bought this book because it seemed rude to kill them by not knowing a thing about them. This book gives an excellent overview of what is involved in their care, and the pond/pool they are in. The three areas I like the best are plants that are beneficial, identification of assorted health issues, and care of the pond. Many other people will prefer the photographs, of which there are a large number of nicely printed color shots. And while this is interesting, I look at the fish as art. I may not know what they are, ie an Ogun, or a (insert name here), but if they look pretty to me I will like them. I may never remember the names, but I am not breeding them to sell, so I will be giving them my own names anyhow. If the little buggers reproduce I can open this book, look up photos, and tell someone they can have 1000 of whatever type shows up. Plus the price is reasonable, compared to a lot of the "better" books. But you don't want to have me go into my theories on pricing...

I bought this gift for a friend who is trying her hand at breeding Koi professionally. She thought the book was incredibly informational and really appreciated the gift. She originally wanted "Koi for Dummies," but totally prefers this book. I shipped it directly to her, and she received it pretty darn quick, way before the expected arrival.

Where's the part about behavior, the part about training your fish to come on over (admittedly this is easy) and how about a more comprehensive types and markings - it was also sad they really skipped over butterfly koi. Otherwise nice pictures and a good disease section. Oh well. Nice book to have, but it is not by any means complete.

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