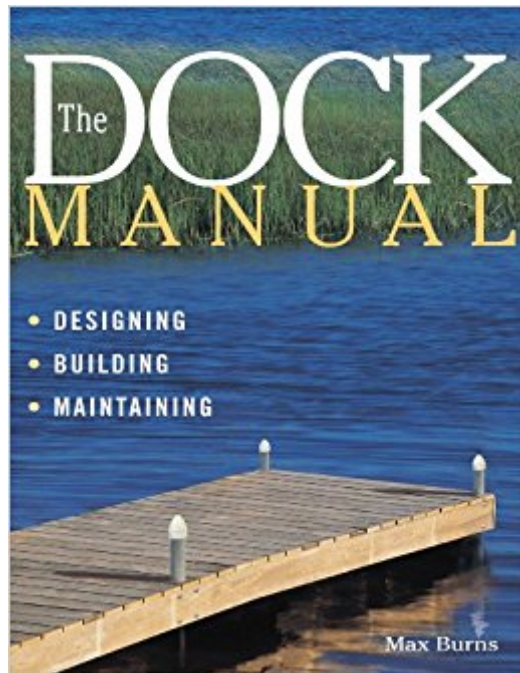


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# The Dock Manual: Designing/Building/Maintaining



## Synopsis

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.

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It is a good book for the beginner or intermediate do it yourself dock builder. Well-written overviews and common sense practical advise on materials, types of docks and their applications. This book offers good general-purpose advice and light instruction for anyone looking to build a simple dock or have one built for them. The book should be a great help to most people and I would leave a copy on some of the ratty looking docks around our lake if I could afford it. The book would be much improved with a more accurate title, a well-rounded source list, better illustration and or a good web site forum to visit. I must also say - Max burns the serious do it yourselfer (Pun intended) and the book has a very misleading and overly boastful title. "THE DOCK MANUAL" DESIGNING-BUILDING-MAINTAINING sounds real authoritative, like you're about to hear from the master's master and learn it all. This book would probably be more accurately titled "DOCK

BUILDING " A SOLID OVERVIEW IN BASIC DOCK DESIGN, BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE.

This book totally skips subjects such as plumbing and lighting as two examples. And this probably was not in the scope of this book, but there sure were lights on the cute little dock on the cover of the book and not one word about them inside. The book barely touches on subjects such as boatlifts and then tells you to buy a kit. An essential part of docks these days are a building such as a boathouse or cover of some type, which is nowhere to be found. Whether or not you would rather call someone for an off the shelf product such as a boatlift kit or have someone do the heavier work such as pile driving, it seems rather rude of the author to assume what is and what is not within the realm of a competent do it yourselfer.

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