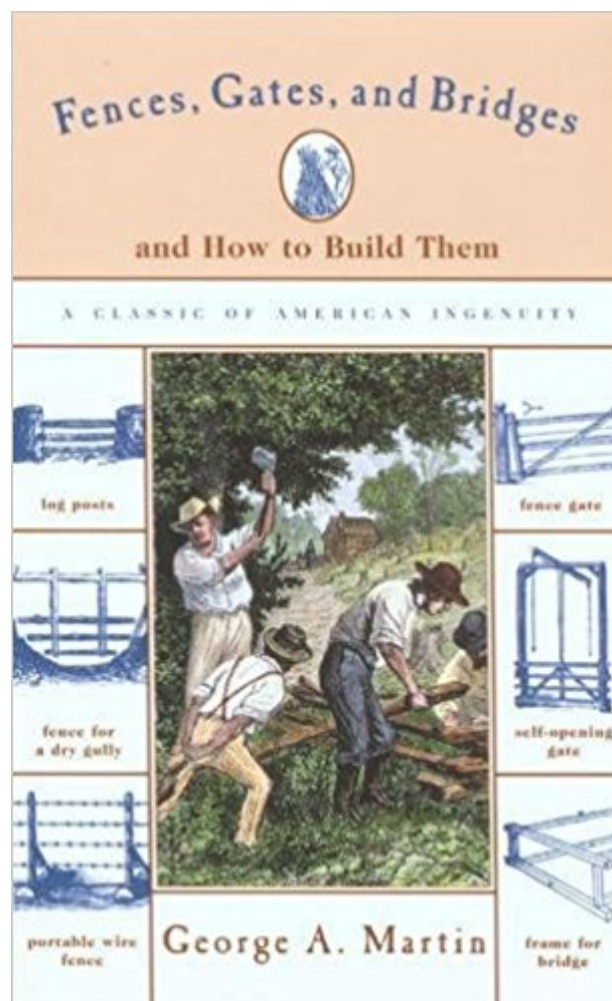




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Customer Reviews

These facsimiles of the original 1900 editions present detailed instructions for building out of wood just about anything that would be useful on a farm. Though dated, the plans and materials are simple, and many of the items could still be of great use to homeowners. These volumes are also great pieces of Americana. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Putting up fences becomes less difficult, if one understands the principles and procedures, as explained in this book, first published in 1887. The illustrations aid in comprehension. Included are primitive fences, stone and sod fences, board fences, picket fences, barbed wire fence and many other fence types and appurtenances. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Interesting book. It has some ideas and nothing I've seen so far has been contrary to "proper" construction methods. I have since got a copy of "Homemade Contrivances and How to Make Them" and it does indeed have the contents of this book in it. If you aren't interested in rural farming you're not missing anything. So I personally would recommend this book instead. I've searched for

good sources on building fences and gates and honestly there seem to be few. Even in this book there is space devoted to cementing in a post. (UGH) But there are also several other ideas shown and gate posts get their own treatment which is good. You really don't need concrete to build a good fence, a post will always rot, replacing it without the back breaking work is what I'm after and this book will help with that.

This book was first published in 1887. I have read it twice so far and found that if I slow down rather than quickly browse and flip through pages I gained much more. It's one of my favorites, especially for fences and gates. The bridge section is small and not as informative but adequate. Lots of info on wire fencing, wooden fencing, gates without hinges, lots of history and good, sound advice. (Nothing on chain link!) There is also a good chapter on hedges. Good line drawings although some of the tiny letters denoting parts of the structures were hard to see. If you have a few acres or more and value the old ways you'll probably like this book and continue referring back to it as you build your own gates.

great

Agree with previous review that the best part of the book is the diagrams, none of which aren't available elsewhere. All instructions are provided as if you're building your fence with rudimentary tools or splitting/milling the wood yourself. I found some irony in that since it's available in Kindle version. It gives very extensive descriptions of various fencing needed depending on the type of animal(s) you're building them for. It does not get detailed in the best way to plan and design a fence based on your particular property, specific terrain and its obstacles, which is one element I'm very interested in. I think the following excerpt exemplifies the content best: "Two men and a steady yoke of oxen can extract fence posts very quickly and easily by this method. A good steady team of horses will do quite as well as oxen." Also included are instructions on how to build your wooden maul for driving the fence posts into the ground, using the trunk of an elm tree (assuming everyone has one of these in their yard). This book is great if you want ideas to build a rustic or rudimentary style fence, and if you want to make the best use of your axe, wooden mauls, and oxen. Not the best book for your average homeowner. I get the impression this was written by someone of elder age who has spent their lifetime building and learning all of these things by trial and error and by hand, to which I give this person the utmost respect. It's just not for more urban homeowners.

Very dated. Limited usefulness. I was looking for information on bridges. What was in here was very non specific and therefore rather useless.

It looks like a good book with basic information. I have purchased three books of the same information and instruction, I will compare all three and glean the collective information. I do not understand why books put in pencil sketches verses photographs? Ask me again in four years to see if I praise the book or if I threw it done a post hole.

really not for today's world more of a look at older type fences. Feed lot and stream stops. I feel was a waste of money and time reading it. Not one colored picture and the pictures it does have you can hardly see.

okay

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