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## **Editorial Review**

### From the Author

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### 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

### About the Author

Max Burns is the author of *The Dock Manual* and winner of seven Canadian National Magazine Awards for his writing. Burns lives in Ontario, Canada.

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