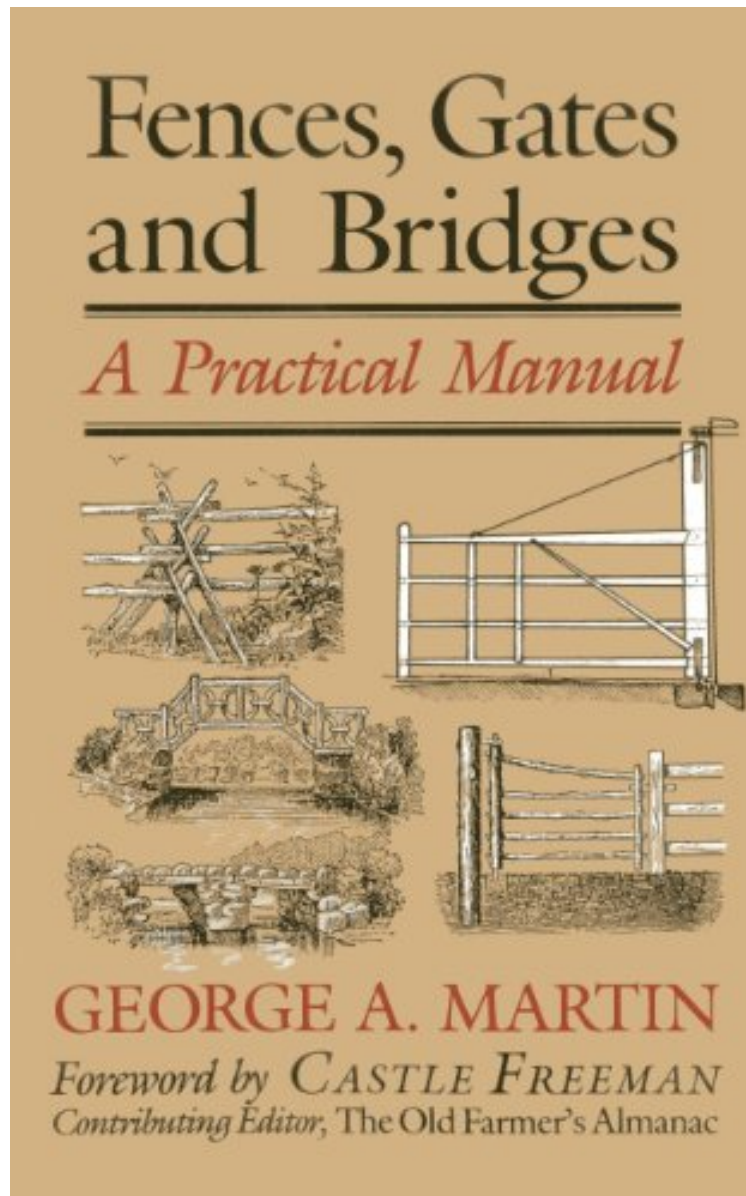


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Recommended.By Ray McCullieInteresting book. It has some ideas and nothing I've seen so far has been contrary to "proper" construction methods. I have since got a copy of

"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. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. great book
By michael egan
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.
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The author, George A. Martin, knows his subject, not only fence building but the farm and its requirements. He knows the stock: the unconfined pig, the dexterous cow. He knows his materials, especially wood. I count twenty-one species of tree in the text, each especially suited for a particular application. He knows the value of work well done, done to last, and he aims to give value himself, in authorship as in the building of simple necessary structures. from the Foreword by Castle Freeman

From Library Journal
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.
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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. "A practical manual of fencing for every home and farm purpose, with 295 illustrations! A facsimile reprint of an earlier masterwork on the subject, including wickets, gates, stiles, hedges, small bridges culverts."-- Publishers Weekly