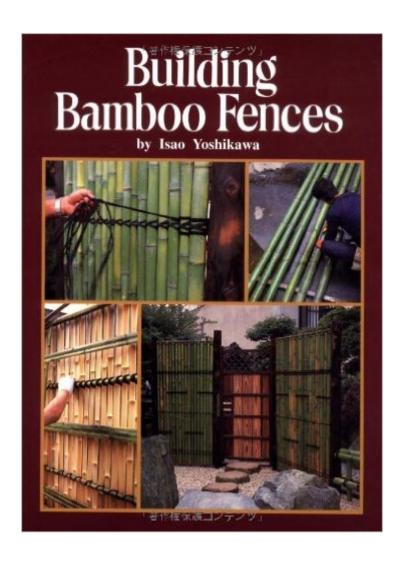
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Synopsis

Eleven prominent styles of bamboo fence are presented, giving a basic understanding of the art form, with detailed building instructions and design ideas for each.

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136 pages, not including the glossary. The first 16 pages are a history of Japanese fencing, and the terms used for each type of fence. The next 32 pages are color photos of the various fences in real world scenarios. Some are incredibly impressive! Then 6 pages of knots, terms, and the basics of working with bamboo. Then 11 types of fence, with diagrams. Naturally, the Japanese language includes about a bazillion variations of bamboo fence, and the terms used to describe them. We'll get to that in a moment. Each section is laid out with the first page showing a drawing of the fence type, a brief description, and then 4-10 pages of building diagrams, which sometimes include b&w photos. Some are simple, and some are VERY intricate. They're almost all beautiful. The fact that it includes so many diagrams is a nice touch for us Westerners, and the one thing that makes the book useful to the guy or gal who wants to actually BUILD a fence, instead of learning about them. However... When reading through the diagrams, the author (who is Japanese) constantly uses the Japanese name of the various parts of the fence, which sometimes frustrates me, since I have to go back to the front of the book and look it up. Yes, there's a diagram, but I still like to know exactly what's going on, to eliminate any errors. It's certainly not the authors fault that he uses correct terminology- it's my fault for being American enough to find it annoying to have to constantly

backtrack- not only to the preliminary pages describing the terms, but to the 6 pages of knot descriptions. Some of the knots are crazy, and even with repetition, I sometimes ask myself if I'm doing them right. It's probably something that most people won't mind, but I get impatient with projects, and want them done.

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