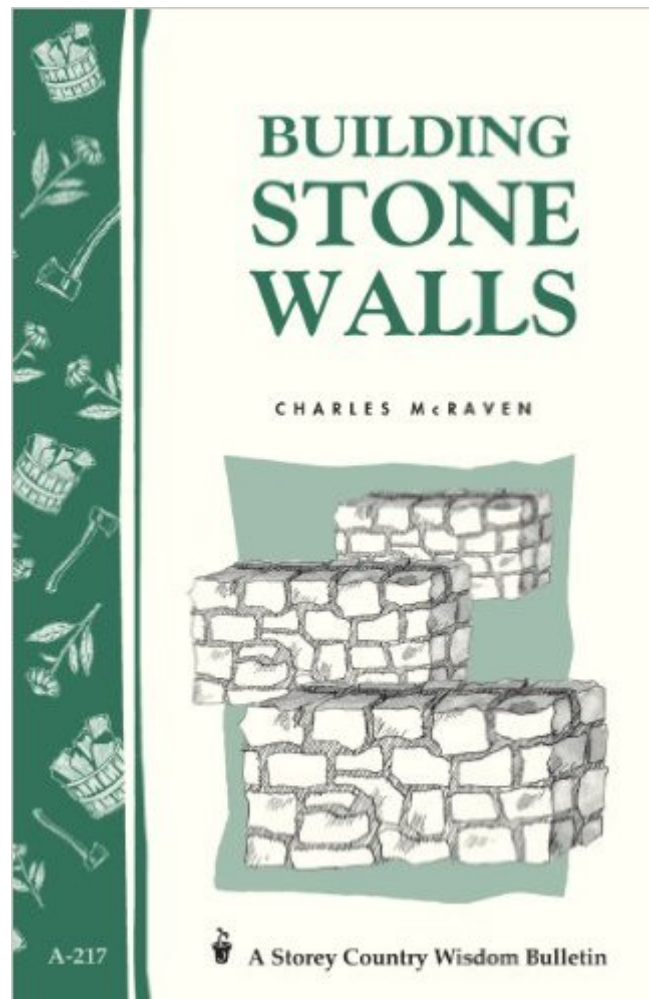


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# Building Stone Walls: Storey's Country Wisdom Bulletin A-217 (Storey Country Wisdom Bulletin)



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## Customer Reviews

This is just a summary of McRaven's larger book. Not really worth the energy as you can get the full book for a few dollars and it certainly IS worth reading and owning. Both items lack a discussion of lime mortar for building and preservation. McRaven believes (at least from what I read) that a Portland based mortar perhaps type K or O is vastly superior to a Lime mortar also called type L (no Portland) I think the issue is more complicated and one must take into account the masonry units used in building and there relationship with the mortar. Certain stone may be fine for Portland cement (... the material described in this book) but other stones (sand stone or handmade brick in particular) will suffer from the rigidity of the stiff mortar. READ lots before you repair or build. This book in its full size is great background information

I found the suggestions about safety, various methods of lifting heavy materials and the general

description of rock wall building extremely helpful. In fact, he has some ideas of lifting large (heavy) rocks that I did not find in the other books I purchased and it has been just the right advice. However, when using this book as a guide, if you do not have "perfect" fieldstone or limestone rocks to lay, it leaves you wondering what to do with the rocks you have in YOUR yard. Since I live in the west and we have an abundance of volcanic "not so good" rocks which I wanted to use, this booklet was of limited assistance in helping me figure out how to use the rock I actually have available (and for free too, except for the labor of finding and hauling them). Great slabby rocks are unusual in this part of the country, so a book telling how to lay only nice, flat on-all-sides rock was of limited assistance. Thankfully, a 1976 Building Stone Walls by John Vivian (Garden Way Publishing) helped me figure out how to use what I actually have to build with.

This is a tiny pamphlet that contains readily common knowledge which could be found in a magazine or internet article. Not really worth the trouble.

I was deceived by the picture that gives the appearance that this is actually a book so I was stunned when it arrived to find it is nothing more than a tiny pamphlet with no more information than you could find in a magazine article or researching online. I read the entire thing in an hour and had no more useful information on how to build a stone wall than before I bought it. What a waste.

Very good resource for a bulletin sized book. Great tips on basic safety as well as mixing mortar, obtaining stone, etc.

Good fundamental info, decent illustration. It is however a tiny little pamphlet

Excellent short instructions on how to build a stone wall. Precise, detailed and with excellent diagrams - very helpful if you decide to use stone for your walls.

I love stone walls and this book has lots in it and lots of information. I got this book for my husband along with another book, great for living on a farm.

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