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Secret Gardens



Synopsis

In Secret Gardens, readers experience the magic of discovering beautiful, intricately planned, and meticulously cultivated hidden worlds. More than 200 spectacular images showcase 13 private gardens, extraordinary examples of landscape design that are usually inaccessible to the public, and which have neverâ "or very rarelyâ "been featured in any publication. From France, Spain, Germany, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, and more, these gardens offer a dizzying range of horticultural and conceptual diversity. The designers reflect on the steps that went into bringing the garden to life, and the book concludes with biographies of landscape architects whose work is featured within, explaining the creative vision of some of the most respected design professionals working today.

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Customer Reviews

This is proof that 'less is more' because only thirteen private gardens are featured (none from North America), and yet the coverage of each featured garden is impressive with magnificent panoramic views that help to establish a dramatic sense of place. Garden plans show the layout for each garden and interviews with each designer or owner help to explain the dynamics behind each little-known garden. My favorite is a tropical garden in the Grenadines designed by Welsh-born Timothy Vaughan, who also cultivates a private garden at his home on the Brittany coast and a nearby chateau garden called Kerdalo inherited by his wife, Isabelle that are not featured in the book. The Grenadine tropical garden is what the artist Paul Gauguin aspired to create when he

moved to Tahiti to find his Garden of Eden, and Vaughan admits taking inspiration from Gauguin's paintings. Unique design ideas abound.

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