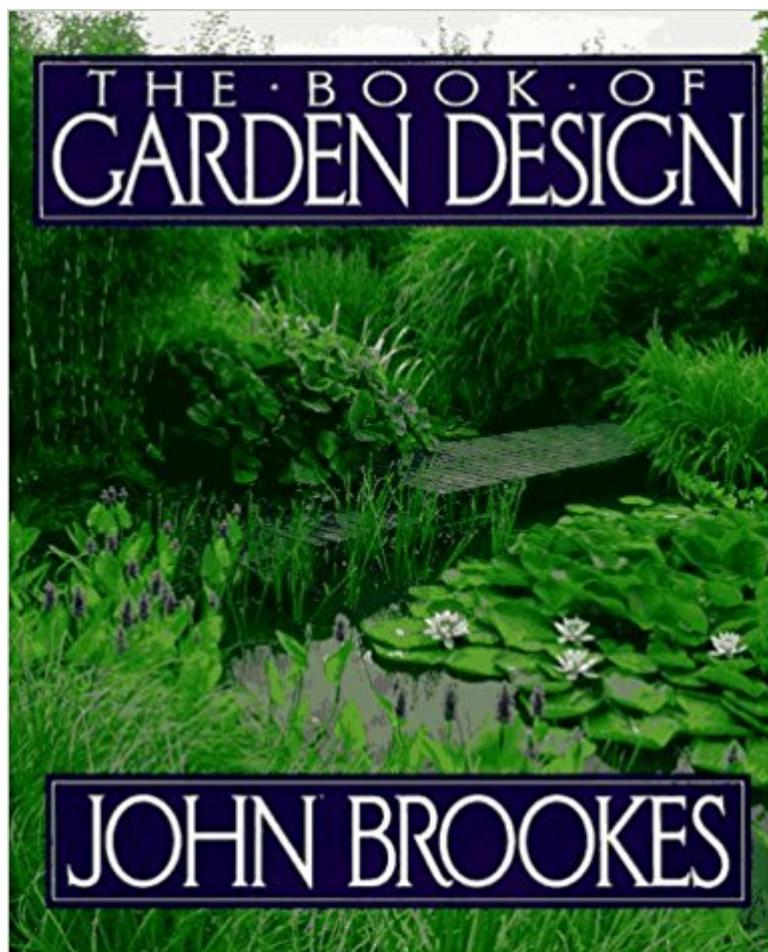


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# The Book Of Garden Design



## **Synopsis**

An incredible, oversized volume with more than 500 full-color photographs and illustrations, The Book of Garden Design examines the actual mechanics of garden design--putting pencil to paper and transforming those initial ideas into a fully realized garden.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

A new book by British landscape designer Brookes (The Indoor Garden) is always welcome, and this one is no exception. Based on his firsthand experience and on his teaching, the volume moves logically--and leisurely--from a brief history of gardens and a detailed lesson on design principles to site assessment and the varieties of landscape possibilities (country, desert, modern, classical) and plant combinations. For almost every toothsome full-color photo, an accompanying schematic gives readers exact information on plantings and placement. Particularly appealing are Brookes's personal nomenclature for horticultural ingredients: herbaceous perennials he calls "pretties

Brookes has based this book on years of teaching at his School of Landscape Design in England. Knowledgeable in both residential garden design and plant care, he has created a very useful outline of design concepts for the homeowner and serious gardener, with many useful diagrams and color illustrations. Brookes covers various styles (e.g., Oriental, cottage), how to measure and draw plans, structural materials (fences, walks, fountains), plant materials, and special situations. Although occasionally slanted toward British style (topiary, statuary, collectors' plants), this definitely fills a niche and will really help those needing a serious outline to take them through a yard

I read the reviews but was still a bit like - is this just another design book. No it's not!! It is wonderful and provide you some very thoughtful and correct designs education on why some designs/combinations work so wonderfully. It is well worth the money. I just wish I had found this book years ago. It would have saved all the trials and errors that I've had to rework! Enjoy and it will be a reference book forever for me!

great book

This is an awesome book. Every person who wants to design landscape should read it.

LOVE THE BOOK. A+

Interesting book. Great Seller !!!

I choosed this rating because the book is exelent. I liked it is in very good shape. I would recomend it to anyone who is interested on learning garden design.

Just what I expected

I just hauled this book off the shelf for my fourth round of garden design since buying it over twenty years ago. I came here wanting to tell anyone who might be considering buying John Brookes' Book of Garden Design that it is one of the best purchases I have ever made. This book is a step by step guide to designing your own garden; not just the considerations of hardscape and utility but in how to think about presentation, space and the structure of plants. Although Brookes uses exquisite photos of plants that grow in the UK to illustrate design technique, his use of plants for their unique shapes and structures is easily applied to any climate.(okay, fine; perhaps not what's left of the tundra) If you are here, thinking about it- just get the book.

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