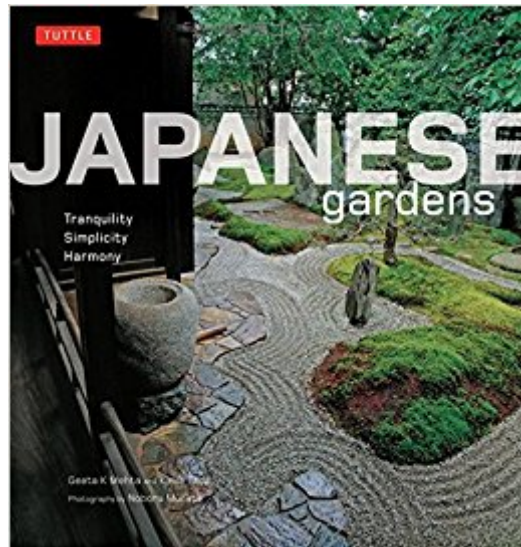




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Japanese Gardens: Tranquility, Simplicity, Harmony



Synopsis

Featuring beautiful photographs and insightful commentary this Japanese gardening book is a must have for any gardening or zen enthusiast. At the heart of a Japanese garden is harmony with nature. More than simply a landscape of trees and flowering shrubs, a Japanese garden provides a place of serenity and rest, filled with peaceful spots that lend themselves to meditation and contemplation. Japanese Gardens celebrates and illustrates this ideal, showcasing the exquisite natural beauty of more than 20 quintessentially Japanese gardens—big and small, urban and rural, traditional and contemporary. The expert author-and-photographer team behind this book excels at capturing and explaining the essential elements and techniques that distinguish Japanese garden design from that of other countries. The featured sites reflect a cross section of Japanese culture and history including large feudal period gardens, temple and Zen gardens and private countryside gardens. The mountain flower garden, tea garden, rock garden and bonsai garden alike are all celebrated and appreciated in this beautiful book.

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"Capturing the essence of nature in twenty-three gardens in Japan, authors Geeta Mehta and Kimie Tada classify and tell the history of garden making in that country, as well as explain the elements and techniques in their design. The selection of landscapes is well chosen, ranging from classic temple gardens to public and private gardens in great variety and size. Noboru Murata's glorious photographs celebrate their beauty." —The National Gardener

Geeta K. Mehta is a partner in the firm of Braden and Mehta Architects. She is the co-author of several books, including Japan Style and Japan Houses. Kimie Tada runs I See All Inc., an editorial company set up in 2000. Previously she was editor-in-chief of Confort, a Japanese magazine featuring Japanese houses and interiors. Noboru Murata is one of Japan's most accomplished design photographers. His recent publications include The Japanese House and Japan Style.

There isn't a ton of text in this book, but what's there is perfect. Between the pictures and the text, the book really decodes what makes a Japanese garden a Japanese garden. It also tells the story behind many of the elements in traditional Japanese gardens, and the photos are simply drop-dead gorgeous. It gave me lots of ideas for my blank-slate backyard, and tons of inspiration to get started on my own Japanese garden.

Lovely pictures; text a little dense.

Bought it as a Christmas gift for my friend who had just returned from Seattle & Portland and saw many such gardens on her trip. She loved it!

Excellent

Japanese gardens are for the soul. Makes one feel so at one with nature. Excellent book in words and photographic content.

very good

Lovely Pictures. Very well done and informative. One can never know every thing about gardens. Just looking at the pictures has a calming effect.

Great ideas, great pictures, really great book. Highly recommended for anyone interested in re-doing their yard or a part of their yard.

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