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### **The Garden Succulents Primer**

This survey of twenty-one gardens by Steve Martino, whose work blends colorful, man-made

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elements with native plants to reflect the sun-drenched beauty of the desert, is sure to inspire gardeners, landscapers, and admirers of California and the Southwest. For more than thirty years, Steve Martino has been committed to the development and advancement of landscape architecture in the Southwest. His pioneering work with native plant material and the development of a desert-derived design aesthetic is widely recognized. A recurring theme of his work is the dramatic juxtaposition of man-made elements with ecological processes of the region. His love for the desert--the interplay of light and shadow, the colors, plants, and wildlife--inspires his work. As Martino explains, "Gardens consist of two worlds, the man-made and the natural one. I've described my design style as 'Weeds and Walls'--nature and man. I use native plants to make the transition from a building to the adjacent natural desert." Though Martino's work is deeply connected to the natural world, he also has a flair for the dramatic, which is apparent from his lively color selections, sculptural use of plants, and keen attention to lighting, shadows, and reflections. Boldly colored stucco walls frame compelling views of the desert and sky, expanding the outdoor living area while solving common site problems such as lack of privacy or shade. Interspersed are custom structures molded in translucent fiberglass in vivid hues--colorful arbors, outdoor

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showers, and internally lit benches.

## **The Bold Dry Garden**

“Eye-popping proof that water-wise gardens are bold, beautiful and brilliantly hued.”  
—San Diego Home and Garden Dry weather defines the southwest, and it's getting dryer. As water becomes more precious, our gardens suffer. If we want to keep gardening, we must revolutionize our plant choices and garden practices. *Hot Color, Dry Garden* provides a joyful, color-filled way to exuberantly garden in low-water conditions. Garden expert Nan Sterman highlights inspiring examples of brilliant gardens filled with water-smart plants. You'll find information about designing for color using plants, architecture, and accessories, along with a plant directory that features drought-tolerant plants that dazzle.

## **Terrarium Craft**

"A design-focused, easy-to-use guide for homeowners and landscapers faced with replacing thirsty gardens in California and other dry regions in the Western US, with an emphasis on colorful, eye-catching foliage and flowers for your whole yard, from the ground plain to the canopy. Includes guidelines on transition to an arid garden, climate info, water use info, and chapters on

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design categories of plants with profiles for each plant plus background info and top picks lists: flowering shrubs, the ground plain, eye-catching accents, ephemeral flowers, perennials for color, animated plants and fine textures, canopy, and edibles. What makes this book unique is that it features only bold plants that are also heavy bloomers despite heat and limited water. It also utilizes more than just Western natives by drawing from the world's driest climates. This book is a visual treat that supports this transition to dry gardening by proving through beautiful photography that gardeners can have all the gorgeous color and flowers they had in the past using just a fraction of the water."--

### **Desert Gardens of Steve Martino**

"An imaginative guide to bringing the delights of the garden indoors." --Publishers Weekly *The Unexpected Houseplant*, by renowned plant authority Tovah Martin, offers a revolutionary approach to houseplants. Instead of the typical varieties, Martin suggests hundreds of creative choices—brilliant spring bulbs, lush perennials brought in from the garden, quirky succulents, and flowering vines and small trees. Along with loads of visual inspiration, you will learn how to make unusual selections, where to best position

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plants in the home, and valuable tips on watering, feeding, and pruning.

## Rock Garden Design and Construction

“Front lawns, beware: The Germinatrix has you in her crosshairs! Ivette Soler is a welcome voice urging us to mow less and grow some food—in her uniquely fun, infectious yet informative way.” —Garden Rant People everywhere are turning patches of soil into bountiful vegetable gardens, and each spring a new crop of beginners pick up trowels and plant seeds for the first time. They're planting tomatoes in raised beds, runner beans in small plots, and strawberries in containers. But there is one place that has, until now, been woefully neglected—the front yard. And there's good reason. The typical veggie garden, with its raised beds and plots, is not the most attractive type of garden, and favorite edible plants like tomatoes and cucumbers have a tendency to look a scraggily, even in their prime. But *The Edible Front Yard* isn't about the typical veggie garden, and author Ivette Soler is passionate about putting edibles up front and creating edible gardens with curb appeal. Soler offers step-by-step instructions for converting all or part of a lawn into an edible paradise; specific guidelines for selecting and planting the most attractive edible plants; and design advice and plans

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for the best placement and for combining edibles with ornamentals in pleasing ways. Inspiring and accessible, The Edible Front Yard is a one-stop resource for a front-and-center edible garden that is both beautiful and bountiful year-round.

### **Striking Succulent Gardens**

“For those of you—and your numbers are growing—gardening in drought-stricken parts of the country, The Bold Dry Garden will quench your thirst for inspiration.” —New York Times Book Review Ruth Bancroft is a dry gardening pioneer. Her lifelong love of plants led to the creation of one of the most acclaimed public gardens, The Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, California. The Bold Dry Garden offers unparalleled access to the garden and the extraordinary woman responsible for it. In its stunningly photographed pages, you’ll discover the history of the garden and the design principles and plant palette that make it unique. Packed with growing and maintenance tips, profiles of signature plants for a dry garden, and innovative design techniques, The Bold Dry Garden has everything you need to create a garden that is lush, waterwise, and welcoming.

### **The California Garden Tour**

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Design a succulent garden of your own, with inspiration, advice, and instructional step-by-step projects for container gardens, small-space gardens, mixed gardens, and more. You can't help but be mesmerized by the eye-catching geometric forms and jewel-toned colors of succulents. But how do you grow these beauties in your own garden? One of the only books dedicated to succulent garden design, *Striking Succulent Gardens* is a stylish, modern gardening book for beginners and enthusiasts alike. Known for his colorful approach and bold use of varied textures and shapes, garden designer Gabriel Frank offers practical ideas, simple concepts, stunning full-color photography, step-by-step instructions for a dozen different gardens, plant recommendations, basic succulent care, and an inspired approach to creating living art in your own garden. For those in colder climates, there is a list of cold-hardy succulents and advice for bringing container gardens indoors for the winter, making succulent gardens achievable no matter where you live. Tough, water-wise, wildly popular, and nearly indestructible, succulents will transform your outdoor space, providing gardens of every size with minimal maintenance and maximum impact.

### **Bold Endeavors**

The plants are organized into 28 intuitively

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logical groups, such as succulent euphorbias, mesembryanthemums, bulbs, succulent trees, aloes, agaves, and haworthias. Each entry includes information on the plant's native habitat, its cultivation requirements, and its horticultural potential. As useful to novice growers as to collectors and those with an existing interest in succulents, this will be the standard reference for years to come.

### **The Timber Press Guide to Succulent Plants of the World**

Sedums are most popular flowering succulent. They range from groundcovers to large border perennials and are often included in green roof and vertical garden design because of their visual interest and drought tolerance. Sedums changes dramatically with the seasons—in fall, they are rich and earthy while in summer their flowers come in vibrant shades of pink and yellow. The Plant Lover's Guide to Sedums includes everything you need to know about these beautiful gems. Plant profiles highlight 150 of the best varieties to grow, with information on zones, plant size, soil and light needs, origin, and how they are used in the landscape. Additional information includes designing with sedums, understanding sedums, growing and propagating, where to buy them, and where to see them in public gardens.

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## **The Unexpected Houseplant**

Get ready to journey into the huge world of growing small! The next garden trend combines the joy of gardening with the magic of miniatures. Gardening in Miniature is a complete guide to creating lush, living, small-scale gardens. It has everything you need to pick up this new hobby, including scaled down garden designs, techniques for creating tiny hardscapes, miniature garden care and maintenance, tips on choosing containers, how to buy the right plants, and where to find life-like accessories.

Inspiring step-by-step projects feature basic skills that can be recreated in any number of designs, like a tiny patio, a trellis, a pond, and a secret garden. Whether you want to build a miniature empire in your garden bed or design a private garden with a pebble patio for an indoor centerpiece, Gardening in Miniature is the primer for creating your own tiny, living world.

## **The Colorful Dry Garden**

Take your succulents to the next level with these stylish and creative projects From blue- green to purple and pink, flower-shaped to squat and spiky or tall and fuzzy, the variety, versatility, and low-maintenance care of succulents makes them go-to plants for home gardeners. Here, succulent stylist

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Rachael Cohen shows that these traits also make succulents the ideal material for living art. Tiny, jewel-like succulents can be clipped and replanted in infinite combinations, and unlike cut flowers, they thrive in these arrangements. When planted in corks, they become charming living magnets; when placed in seashells, they are a delightful reminder of a day at the beach. Succulents can also grow nestled in moss, creating an opportunity for even more creativity: arrange them atop mini pumpkins or adorn a headband or a tiny wreath. In addition to illustrated step-by-step instructions for more than a dozen crafts, Cohen explains which succulents are best for each project, how to clip and prepare rosettes and leaves, and what to do when the plants outgrow their art pieces. Lush photographs throughout capture the natural beauty of the plants and boundless range of possible creations.

### **Air Plants**

Until recently, most green rooftop gardens were little more than variations on sedum mats on four inches of soil. Now, designers are creating cutting-edge green roofs that focus not only on critical environmental issue like heat, storm management, and ecosystem development, but also on the aesthetics, offering beautiful, livable,

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sustainable landscapes. The Professional Design Guide to Green Roofs is a comprehensive exploration of rooftop garden design and the process behind it. It covers everything landscape architects and garden designers need to know to create a beautiful garden in the sky. With lush photography, international examples, and solid how-to information, this is an essential resource for all design professionals.

### **The Water-Saving Garden**

Discusses the basics of desert gardening and the two main growing seasons in the Coachella Valley--fall and winter--and provides advice on cultivating palms, African succulents, cacti, wildflowers, native and tropical plants, and trees.

### **First Peas to the Table**

The experiences of explorers, adventures, military personnel, scientists, and astronauts in long-duration confinement and isolation have been recorded for decades. But now a behavioral scientist working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Defense Department has distilled this far-flung literature into a highly readable guide useful for everyone from NASA planners to submarine crews, mountain climbers, prison administrators, and even individual families.

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Jack Stuster presents startling and often eloquent accounts of people at their best and worst - alone or in small groups, isolated and confined in small places, imprisoned and challenged by extreme conditions. From these bold endeavors, Stuster has assembled the lessons learned and conclusions drawn by the world's leading behavioral scientists to make specific recommendations for facilitating human adjustment and performance in long-term isolation. Successes and failures culled from the diaries, logs, journals, interviews, and memoirs of famous explorers like Amundsen, Byrd, Scott, Heyerdahl, Cook, and Shackleton are compared and contrasted with those of shipwreck and disaster survivors, astronauts and aquanauts, POWs, adventurers, and experiment subjects. Stuster's goal is to help others avoid or mitigate chronic behavioral problems that have affected human and mission performance, often with tragic consequences. Not only will this study aid the designers of future space expeditions, its recommendations and habitability principles are also relevant to a variety of earthbound conditions, including polar and underwater exploration and habitation. In fact, nearly all human relationships that involve small groups of people living and working in confined spaces or traveling in isolated areas can benefit from this useful and entertaining study.

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## **Desert Plants**

How to Live Your Best Gardening Life David Culp has spent more than 30 years creating Brandywine Cottage—a sensational year-round garden that provides an abundance of joy, both indoors and out. In his new book, he urges home gardeners everywhere to do the same in their own space. Organized by the garden's six natural seasons, *A Year at Brandywine Cottage* is packed with fresh ideas and trusted advice, whether it's choosing plants for twelve months of interest, weaving edibles into the mix, or bringing the bounty indoors with simple arrangements and homegrown recipes. Packed with glorious images and practical tips, *A Year at Brandywine Cottage* will inspire you to live a life enriched by nature every day of the year.

## **The California Native Landscape**

A wonderful guidebook for those considering starting a rock garden. A comprehensive treatment on design, styles, materials, and planting, with profiles of a dozen public rock gardens in the United States and Canada.

## **The Edible Front Yard**

Featuring 25 indoor and outdoor gardens and landscapes each detailed project offers a

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different approach to incorporating the desert flora. With designs by Daniel Nolan as well as other leading garden designers such as Judy Kameon, Terremoto Studio, Mark Word, and Steve Martino, Modern Dry Garden offers techniques and designs to inspire readers to transform any available space into their own modern dry garden. Rich with bold architecture of spiny cacti, brilliant and muted sage, rosy succulents, bright, dusty sands, and red rocks, Modern Dry Garden will prove that inspiration has no geographic boundaries, and will be loved by lovers of gardens and interior design from around the world.

### **The New Low-maintenance Garden**

In revealing what worked in her own garden, Beth Chatto passes on a wealth of advice gleaned from her personal experience. She provides detailed - and accessible - ideas on garden management, plans for every type of soil and situation, nearly twenty specially tailored lists to help with planting in various conditions, and descriptions of over a thousand suitable plants for making the most of damp ground.

### **The Art of Gardening**

A terrarium is nothing less than a miniature world—one that you can create yourself. It

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might be a tiny rainforest, with lush foliage and bright tropical flowers. Or a desert, with strange succulents planted among colorful stones. Or a Victorian fernery. Or a minimalist composition with a single, perfect plant. Or it might not contain any plants at all. It might be made with crystals, feathers, bones, seashells, bits of wood, porcelain trinkets—anything that catches your fancy and helps create a mood or look. Whatever they contain, terrariums are the ultimate in modern, affordable, easy-care décor. Terrarium Craft features fifty original designs that you can re-create or use as inspiration for your own design. Each entry comes with clear step-by-step directions on how to assemble and care for your terrarium. You'll also find helpful information about selecting a container, using appropriate materials, choosing the right plants, and maintaining your terrarium. (Hint: It's easy! In fact, many terrariums are self-sustaining, requiring no maintenance whatsoever!)

### **The Professional Design Guide to Green Roofs**

Maya and other students in Ms. Garcia's class study techniques used by Thomas Jefferson as they grow pea plants and compete to see whose will produce a bowl full of peas first. Includes an afterword about Jefferson.

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## **Desert Gardens**

In this book you'll learn how to prune selectively to admit more light and how to amend soil to increase its moisture retention. You'll also learn about more than 130 plants that accept reduced light and moisture levels—long-blooming woodland gems like epimediums and hellebores, and even lush foliage plants like evergreen ferns and hardy gingers, shrubs, climbers, perennials, ground covers, bulbs, annuals, and perennials—there is an entire palette to help you transform challenging spaces into rich, rewarding gardens.

## **Planting Design for Dry Gardens**

Provides descriptions of more than four hundred succulent plants and their relatives along with information on such topics as conservation, cultivation, and propagation.

## **Forever Green**

## **Infinite Succulent: Miniature Living Art to Keep or Share**

As a child, Mario Nievera would fantasise about perfect, unfolding landscapes and luscious, animated gardens. Now, he creates them: Nievera Williams Design, one of the top

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landscape architectural firms in the country, plans and develops diverse projects

### **Planting the Dry Shade Garden**

Dry summers? Wet winters? This is your must-have guide. Gardening in an area defined by arid summers and soggy winters can be challenging. But gardens can thrive in such conditions, and this definitive handbook shares the plants and practices that will help you succeed. Landscape architect Nora Harlow and award-winning photographer Saxon Holt explain how plants adapt to the climate and how topography and climate relate. A comprehensive plant directory provides details on each plant's needs, and stunning photography shows how smart design can help address seasonal issues. It's everything you need to create a flourishing summer-dry garden.

### **Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates**

Seasoned garden writers Susan Lowry and Nancy Berner, along with leading landscape photographer Marion Brenner, tour more than thirty-five private gardens in the San Francisco Bay Area, illuminating the unrivalled beauty of Northern California—the breadth of the sky, the quality of the light, the sparkle of the Bay, the shapes of the hills—that has beckoned landscape designers

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and gardeners for generations. Organized geographically—starting with the San Francisco Peninsula, moving north into San Francisco itself, crossing the Bay into Berkeley and Oakland, and finishing in Napa, Sonoma, and Marin—Private Gardens of the Bay Area encompasses an extraordinary range of micro-climates that foster the cultivation of an equally extraordinary range of plants. The kaleidoscope of vigorous plants from five continents bursting out of an Oakland front yard is one kind of garden, the clean-lined contemporary composition of drought-tolerant natives and gravel is another, and the garden tucked into the mountain landscape of oaks, manzanitas, and ceanothus is yet another. This fascinating tour includes gardens such as Green Gables, where the 1911 terraced design by Greene & Greene is meticulously preserved; Big Swing, with a world-renowned collection of salvias; a vertical garden on a vertiginous site in San Francisco by Surfacedesign; and a romantic landscape of lawns, perennial beds, and stately oaks owned by noted collectors and gallerists Gretchen and John Berggruen. Lowry and Berner describe the goals of each garden owner and the principles behind the designs.

## **Growing Weed in the Garden**

“Delightful!” —The New York Times Book Review  
Discover a world of beauty and creativity!

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Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. It is a place of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. And now those lessons are available for everyone in this stunning book! You'll learn techniques specific to different conditions and plant palettes; how to use hardscape materials in a fresh way; and how to achieve the perfect union between plant and site. And Rob Cardillo's exquisite photographs of exciting combinations will be sure to stimulate your own creativity. Whether you're already under Chanticleer's spell or have yet to visit, *The Art of Gardening* will enable you to bring the special magic that pervades this most artful of gardens into your own home landscape.

### **Beth Chatto's Garden Notebook**

Water shortages and water rationing are commonplace throughout California, rendering expanses of lawn and thirsty, nonnative plants unsustainable. The California Native Landscape addresses both concerns by showing homeowners how to succeed with natives and showing them how lush, colorful, and thriving their landscape can be. The authors stress the importance of smart garden design and combining the right plants to promote the natural symbiosis that occurs within plant communities. Native plants also play an

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important role in creating fire-resistant landscapes, and this new book has cutting-edge information on this crucial topic, refuting the myth that natives are more fire-prone than nonnatives. With its unique combination of proven techniques, environmental wisdom, and inspiring design advice, this is an essential resource for all California gardeners who want to create a beautiful, ecologically appropriate, and resource-conserving home landscape.

### **The Damp Garden**

First published in French as *Alternatives au gazon* in 2011.

### **Hot Color, Dry Garden**

Sharing the hopes and successes - and sometimes failures - of her work, Beth Chatto reveals what is really involved in maintaining a unique and flourishing garden. Written from notes that she kept regularly, this engaging book offers help on a whole range of topics. There is guidance on designing, planting and grouping. She describes methods of propagation, shows how plants can be helped to maturity, and gives advice on managing a garden and its plants and on performing all the day-to-day tasks involved.

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## **The Dry Garden**

Gardeners and garden designers are having a love affair with agaves. It's easy to see why—they're low maintenance, drought-tolerant, and strikingly sculptural, with an astounding range of form and color. Many species are strikingly variegated, and some have contrasting ornamental spines on the edges of their leaves. Fabulous for container gardening or in-the-ground culture, they combine versatility with easy growability. In *Agaves*, plant expert Greg Starr profiles 75 species, with additional cultivars and hybrids, best suited to gardens and landscapes. Each plant entry includes a detailed description of the plant, along with its cultural requirements, including hardiness, sun exposure, water needs, soil requirements, and methods of propagation. Agaves can change dramatically as they age and this comprehensive guide includes photos showing each species from youth to maturity—a valuable feature unique to this book.

## **Private Gardens of the Bay Area**

"This inspiring book proves that low-maintenance gardening can be rewarding, delicious, and fun -- as well as time- and energy-saving. Explore creative gardens and meet innovative gardeners in these pages and learn to enjoy your garden again" --Cover, p.

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## **Palm Springs–Style Gardening**

The definitive and first-ever guide dedicated exclusively to growing weed in your home garden From the former garden editor of Sunset magazine, Johanna Silver, *Growing Weed in the Garden* brings cannabis out of the dark, into the sunlight. This groundbreaking, comprehensive guide to incorporating weed into your garden leads you from seed or plant selection to harvest. Filled with gorgeous photographs of beautiful gardens, as well as step-by-step photography that shows how to dry, cure, and store cannabis, make tinctures and oils, and roll the perfect joint, this book provides all the information you need to grow and enjoy cannabis. For both the stoned and sober, the new and seasoned gardener, *Growing Weed in the Garden* is the definitive guide to doing just that.

## **A Year at Brandywine Cottage**

“A complete guide to designing, making and planting hypertufa troughs.”—North American Rock Garden Society Hypertufa containers—also known as troughs—are rustic, striking, versatile, and perfect for small, Alpine plants. A mix of cement, perlite, peat, and water, they are simple and affordable to make at home. In *Hypertufa Containers*, Lori Chips

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details everything you need to know to make your own troughs and successfully garden in them. This hardworking book includes step-by-step instructions and color photography for making hypertufa containers in a variety of shapes and sizes. Plant portraits include growing and cultivation information, along with potting tips.

### **The Plant Lover's Guide to Sedums**

A guide to growing beautiful gardens in drought-prone areas utilizing minimal water for maximum results. With climate change, water rationing, and drought on the rise, water conservation is more important than ever—but that doesn't mean your gardening options are limited to cacti and rocks. The Water-Saving Garden provides gardeners and homeowners with a diverse array of techniques and plentiful inspiration for creating sustainable gardens that are so beautiful and inviting, it's hard to believe they are water-thrifty. Including a directory of 100 plants appropriate for a variety of drought-prone regions of the country, this accessible and contemporary xeriscaping guide is full of must-know information on popular gardening topics like native and drought-tolerant plants (including succulents), rainwater harvesting, greywater systems, permeable paving, and more.

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## **Hypertufa Containers**

An inspirational, photographic tour of eighteen of the world's most beautiful public and private gardens is accompanied by valuable tips on the cacti, succulents, and other native flora suited to arid climates; information on the locations and visiting hours of public gardens; and a comprehensive listing of sources to help gardeners create their own desert wonderlands.

## **Dry Gardens**

Praise for the Huntington's Desert Garden: "Nowhere else is there such a stunning collection of these succulents in quantity, maturity, and diversity."--Maureen Gilmer, DIY's "Weekend Gardening" "A radiant spectacle of beautiful freaks."--"New York Times"

## **Xeriscape Handbook**

A how-to approach covering all the basics of water-wise gardening. Weinstein shows that with careful planning and wise plant selection, Xeriscapes can be as colorful and satisfying as more traditional--and far thristier--landscapes.

## **Agaves**

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“In this beautiful book, artist Zenaida Sengo has provided inspiration for designing and living with tillandsias.” —Flora Grubb Air Plants shows how simple and rewarding it is to grow, craft, and design with these modern, easy-to grow houseplants. Stunning photographs showcase creative ideas for using tillandsias mounted on walls and suspended from the ceiling. You’ll learn how to use the plants in living hair accessories and jewelry and in unique containers, like dishware, leather bowls, and baskets. Six step-by-step projects include a wood mount, a wall hook, lasso-and-hook wiring, a ceramic-frame garden, and three unique terrariums.

### **Gardening in Miniature**

A fantastic garden journey that only California can provide In The California Garden Tour, veteran travel writer Donald Olson highlights 50 outstanding public gardens and provides all the information you need to make the most of your visit. From San Francisco and the East Bay to Palm Springs and San Diego, Olson includes iconic gardens like the Getty Center, new favorites like Alcatraz, and uniquely Californian destinations like Lotusland and Sunnylands. The easy-to-use format includes visitor information, an evocative description, and full color photography for each garden.

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