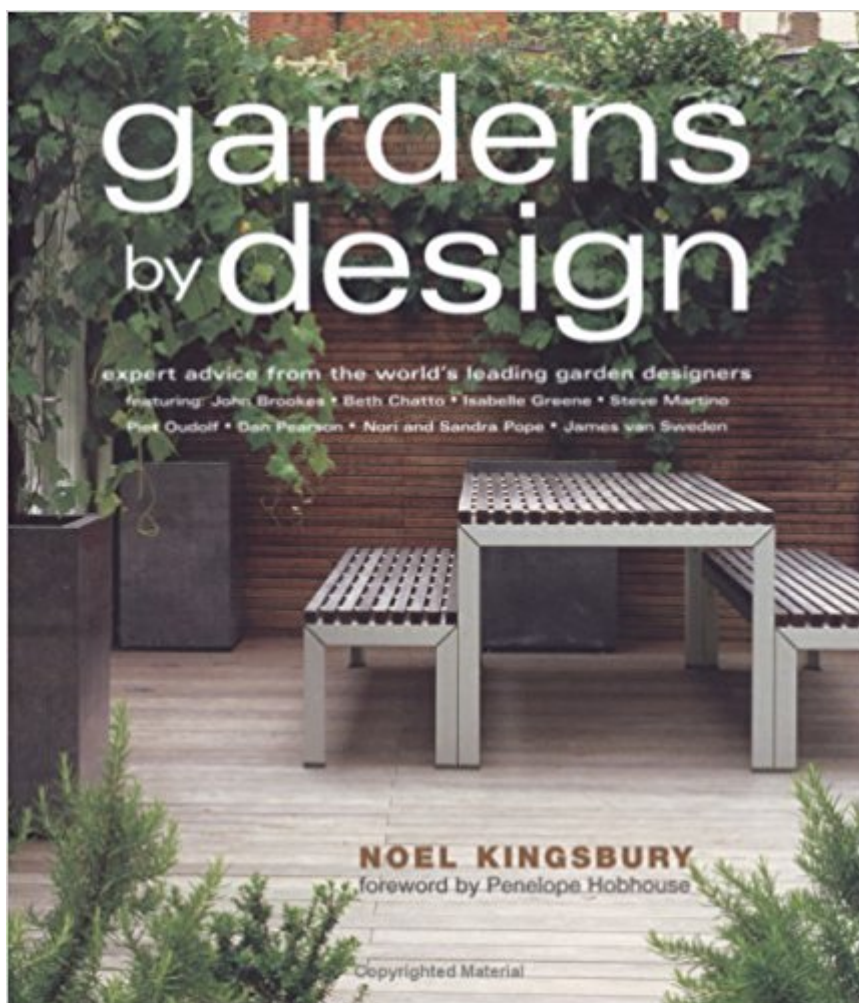


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# Gardens By Design



## Synopsis

Garden planners, home gardeners, and landscape designers will be turning to this exceptional book for expert advice from the world's leading garden makers including Beth Chatto, Piet Oudolf, James Van Sweden, and Julie Moir Messervy. In this beautifully illustrated collection, Kingsbury gathers their ideas on the entire design process—from choosing a garden style through planning its layout to maintaining its look over time. Encouraging a fluid approach to creativity, *Gardens by Design* will assist designers at all levels to understand the mechanics of plant combinations, to seek out cutting-edge and exquisite plants, and to nurture their garden's development, growth, and maintenance over time.

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## Customer Reviews

Gardeners looking for advice from a who's who of top designers will revel in the insights Kingsbury has collected. Having put together a circle of creative thinkers, Kingsbury draws out from each individual a rich dialogue filled with ideas and concepts that will have readers thinking about exactly what it is they want in a garden. To personalize and give character to a space, either with the help of a hired professional or on your own, one must not only look at practical considerations, but also clarify needs and desires. This guide should help in understanding the relationships between house, grounds, and garden style. The aesthetic notion of a formal approach versus a naturalistic asymmetry is illuminated, and such elements as paths and borders, plant choices, and water features are discussed; and all suggestions are shown in a profusion of color photographs. A great

sourcebook that promises to inspire budding green thumbs while stimulating those with experience.  
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"The photographs are not only beautiful but serve to illustrate the ideas, as do all the others throughout this handsome, well-designed book." — Michael Cunningham, *Horticulture*, July 2006 (Michael Cunningham *Horticulture*) "A refreshing and illuminating change from the usual garden design book which is the voice of just one person, Noel Kingsbury's *Gardens by Design* has tips, insight, and wisdom from some of the most respected and creative garden designers in the English-speaking world." — Catriona Tudor Eler, *American Gardener*, June 2006 (Catriona Tudor Eler *American Gardener*) "This book will be one you will keep on the shelf and refer to often." Debra Teachout-Teashon, *Rainy Side Gardeners*, July 19, 2006 (Debra Teachout-Teashon *Rainy Side Gardeners*) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The information in this book is directed at any entry level Garden Designer or homeowner yet even for the experienced something can be found. What I found stunning was the images. All the images throughout the book are amazing and better than that they relate directly to the text. One reviewer stated that the information in it was very basic. I agree that the book does start at the beginning with fundamentals but that is where we all have to start. But the fundamentals in this book are not your typical gardening books recommendations of plant combinations or pot sizes. It goes into the 'whys' behind what garden designers do. A must read for any landscape designer but a must have for a homeowner serious about designing a beautiful landscape.

This is an excellent idea generator for every gardener, budding or established. Very nicely presented with a good balance of illustrations to text. Helpful, simply stated, advice from a variety of professional designers. It's been decades since studying landscape design. This book has renewed my interest and gotten me thinking about a garden makeover.

I just received this book (in great shape by the way, and prompt!). I was thrilled to see the beautiful photographs throughout. He starts with a forward by Penelope Hobhouse and continues with articles by the likes of John Brookes, Beth Chatto, and Piet Odoulf (just to name a few). I would recommend this book to anyone who is planning a garden, interested in wildlife gardens, meadow gardening, structure in the garden - just about everyone who loves to garden!

Now this is a book that every serious garden designer needs to read. To quote Penelope Hobhouse in her Forward, "This is much more than a how-to reference book: it looks at principles of design in considerable depth." Further, "...he(the author)allows the contributors (world class designers)to express their own philosophies and the reader is enriched by their individuality."The many, many photos alone in this book are as informative to the viewer as the text is to the reader. This book is well worth the price.

If you are at all interested in landscape design, this is the book for you. Great photos are only part of this book. The ideas and sensibilities that are conveyed to the reader are first rate. It's a book I recommend to students who are REALLY interested.

My house is being built so I am searching for books that help me to project the garden area. In the book there are lots of pictures of great quality that ensure my goal will be achieved.

Although the photos are beautiful and the book does give some overview of the work of some prominent designers in the field today, the advice given is very basic. It's sort of on the line of "create an axis" kind of advice. Still, it's a pretty coffee table book, and something to look at when inspiration is lacking, or a winter dreaming book.

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