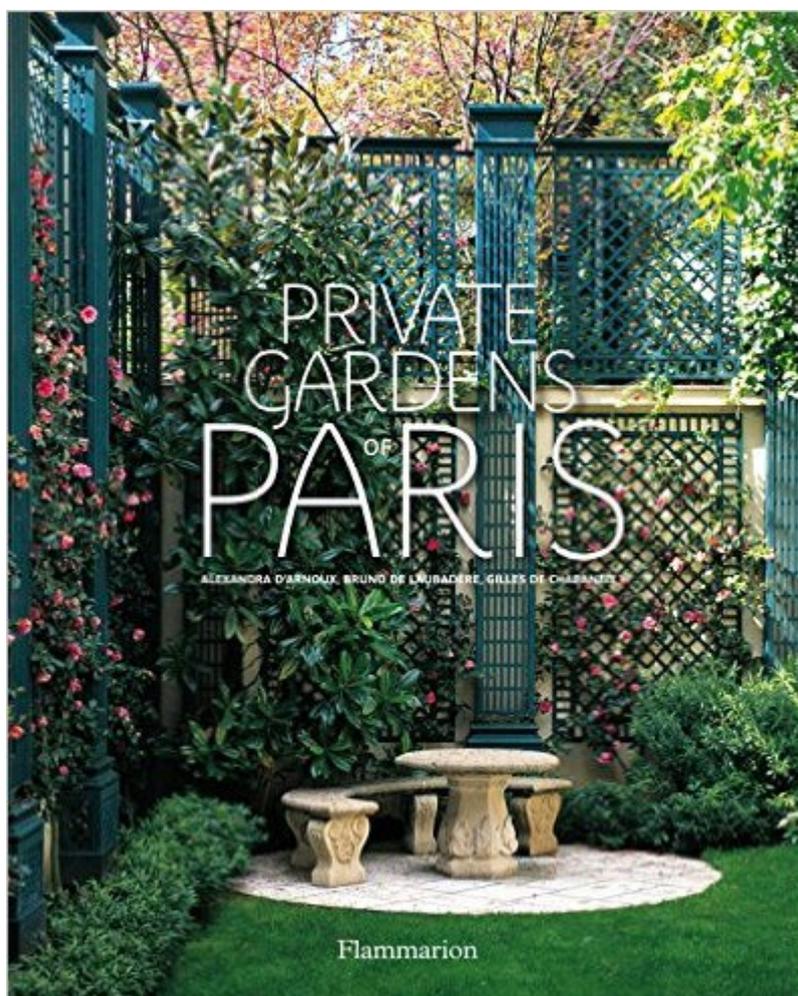


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# Private Gardens Of Paris



## Synopsis

An exclusive glimpse into the hidden world of secret Parisian gardens. A hidden landscape lies behind Paris's urban facades. Whether grandiose or modest, manicured or untended, these secret gardens, rarely seen by casual passersby, are timeless enclaves that provide verdant refuge from the bustling streets. From Hubert de Givenchy's formal garden, to Kenzo's Japanese-inspired oasis, or from an exotic hideaway with giant tropical ferns and rare flowers, to a symmetrical topiary menagerie, this eclectic range of urban gardens provides inspiration to the expert gardener and armchair enthusiast alike.

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## Customer Reviews

I am so disappointed in this book! It is a very blah photo book. Many of the gardens look the same. They look very natural and lots of green. Nothing wrong with that! I like more detail of sculpture, stairs, fountains, flowers, etc. It was probably a more sophisticated book than I like. Order at your own risk! The cover photo will look nice stacked on my coffee table (it's the best photo in the book).

The pictures of this book are superb but the text is too technical for non professional gardeners. Also the size of the book is too small to really enjoy the beauty of the pictures. Nevertheless this makes a nice present!

This is a wonderful book. As a wine country gardener, I am always seeking more information as well

as just looking at other garden designs. Paris is my favorite European city so anything about her gardens is interesting to me.

Gardens are famously difficult to translate to the page and books on gardens famously unuseful. But given the amount of glowing coverage this book received from blogs, I expected that it would be one of the few to actually transcend that curse. Well no, it does not. And how could it hope to do that or even convey anything useful when not one plan is included? Instead the book is rather text heavy and the text really conveys very little that is useful. One thing that I did find helpful was a quote on page 122 from the owner of *An Informal Family Garden*.<sup>TM</sup> Reporting on the leap needed to buy the house, this owner says, "At that time it seemed rather a risk to buy a whole house in the Marais." Reading that line reminded me how glad I am to live in the new world. No one in the U.S., no matter how invested in social class or snobbery he or she might be, would ever say that buying a house in a working class neighborhood was a social risk. As an investment, perhaps one would say that it was a risk. But not as a choice that threatened one's social standing. So that's where the second star comes from- for reminding me that no matter how beautiful it is in some very specific places, Europe is still light years behind the U.S. when it comes to stifling snobbery and that the U.S., for all of our many problems is very happily not like Europe.

Gift for a Paris-bound, garden-loving friend...she adores it for its secret insights, its non-tourist places and, of course, its exquisite, French style!

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