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Down In The Garden

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[Image of a baby dressed as a butterfly]

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Synopsis

An exquisite coffee table book this volume incorporates ingenious design and gardening wisdom to showcase Anne Geddes' fanciful images. From pots to plots, in flowerboxes and fields, Geddes' unique photos of babies and children show readers the profusion of life and joy to be found in a garden. Readers see the wondrous transformation of buds to blooms, and caterpillars to butterflies; find adorable baby faces amidst petals and pods; see birds in the bath, bees abuzz, and all kinds of critters at rest and play. Full-color throughout.

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Customer Reviews

Ms. Geddes fills her large, oversized color pages with stunning pictures of a whimsical garden populated by babies. Her tiny models appear as fairies, flowers, insects, birds, and other small animals in the garden. Her imagination will transform the way you see babies . . . and gardens forever. You'll be glad to have experienced her magical touch. The images are enlivened by simple texts of a few words just to help create a mood or a thought. The compositions are quite elaborate. One contains dozens of children dressed up in worm outfits, and then transposed onto an image of them all in tunnels underground in the garden. What an amazing effort this must have taken! One of her presentation techniques is to have a photograph inside a photograph. For example, there is a two-page spread of a basket. Then, you can unfold the middle of the basket to reveal its babyish contents! In another place, she plays peek-a-boo with you by hiding one image within the photograph under a flap which you can open. When you do, the photograph's meaning totally
As wonderful as her imagination and compositions are, I think her finest gift is to capture the baby’s personality while awake. The quality of the reproductions is extremely high, particularly considering that she is working with squirming infants in many cases. Here are my favorites in the book: Moth Orchid Triplets; Monica; Christopher; Aisha, Tayla and Grace; Wet Sparrow; Magnolia Bud; Sarah; Potting Shed; Starring Triplets -- Jim, Flora and Pearl; Window Planter; Strawberry Planter; Canterbury Belles; Ruby; Tea Pot, Watering Can and Milk Jug; Birdhouse; and Jessie. This book would make a wonderful gift for expectant parents.

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