

Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young, David E. , Yew, Tan Hong By David E. Young If you also enjoy books on this topic that are less 'how to' and simply about beautiful photographs of beautiful Japanese gardens then Itoh's 'The Gardens of Japan' is considered to be a classic along those lines but it is showing its age in terms of many of the photos being printed in black & white (interspersed with some nice full page colour plates). I say surprise because this book is about North American examples of Japanese style gardens and they can often miss the mark but this book is largely an exception to that and is filled with superb absolutely pin sharp photography of some beautiful gardens. I have yet to find a book on the gardens in mainland Japan that trumps the exquisite photography Cobb did of the North American gardens and overlooking this book on account of the gardens not actually being in Japan would be a missed opportunity I know this because I myself nearly fell into that trap. If you're intending to build your own garden then you will probably want to obtain some books on the philosophical underpinnings of how the Japanese styles evolved some books on practical construction methods and some for beautiful images that serve as inspiration. Yew Tan Hong Wonderful book showcasing the idea of Japanese gardening - and unlike most of the books on this topic the author doesn't fall into the exoticism trap but really understands what makes the essence of a Japanese garden. Yew Tan Hong ****Winner of the 2006 American Horticultural Society Book Award****The Art of the Japanese Garden is the only historical overview of Japanese gardens that covers Japanese gardening culture in one beautiful book. Japanese gardens are rooted in two traditions: an indigenous prehistoric tradition in which patches of graveled forest or pebbled beach were dedicated to nature spirits and a tradition from China and Korea that included elements such as ponds streams waterfalls rock compositions and a variety of vegetation. The Art of the Japanese Garden traces the development and blending of these two traditions as well as the inclusion of new features as gardening reached new heights of sophistication on Japanese soil. 300 full color Japanese garden illustrations and photographs highlight notable gardens in Japan including graveled courtyards early aristocratic gardens esoteric and paradise gardens Zen gardens warrior gardens tea gardens and stroll gardens. Very accessible explanations beautiful photography and illustrations and excellent value for money: A great compliment to this book is Kawaguchi's 'Authentic Japanese Gardens' which shares similar characteristics. To my surprise the images in Brown & Cobb's 'Quiet Beauty' are outstanding, If you're a sucker for Japanese style gardens and photographs of them then I highly recommend 'Quiet Beauty'. Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young David E. Definitely the best book on this topic that I've seen so far: Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young David E. Yew Tan Hong Very nice book Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young David E, Yew Tan Hong The book is good but photographs are small: Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young David E: Yew Tan Hong Great book ! Well documented and well written. The photos are excellent ! Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young David E, Also included are sections on modern trends and Japanese gardens in other countries: Art of the Japanese Garden: History / Culture / Design (English Edition) eBook : Young David E[1]



A great primer on Japanese garden styles. Note that different editions of the book vary in size!. Yew

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