

## Further Reading

*Books from my personal library. Newest acquisitions are in red.*

### Natives and Meadows

***American Meadow Garden, The*** Greenlee, John c 2009

Excellent reference for selecting grasses and creating a meadow garden

***Dream Plants for the Natural Garden*** Oudolf, Piet; Gerritsen, Hank c (English) 2013

Great reference introduction to a wide variety of native plants. Many photos.

***Garden Revolution*** Weaner, Larry; Christopher, Thomas c 2016

Ecological gardening for a changing climate. More for the enlightened professional.

***Gardens of the High Line*** Oudolf, Piet; Darke, Rick c 2017

The NYC phenomenon that sparked a national movement. A must-have book for the natural garden enthusiast. (And if you haven't been to the High Line yet, go!)

***Hummelo*** Oudolf, Piet; Kingsbury, Noel c 2015; 2021

Lush photography of Piet's own home and garden and those of his clients.

***New Perennial Garden, The*** Kingsbury, Noel c 1996

Just okay. This book is older and written for the UK; luckily I bought it used!

***Planting: A New Perspective*** Oudolf, Piet; Kingsbury, Noel c 2013

Emphasis on grouping and combining natives in a contemporary context. Plant charts.

***Planting in A Post-Wild World*** Rainer, Thomas; West, Claudia c 2015

Excellent for selecting natives in the Mid-Atlantic region / zone 6. Many photos.

***Planting the Natural Garden*** Oudolf, Piet; Gerritsen, Hank c 2019 Perhaps the most practical of Oudolf's books. Lots of photos, descriptions, uses, how to, and extensive plant index. Stunning photos. For "hardcore" native gardeners.

***Planting the Oudolf Gardens at Hauser & Wirth Somerset*** Dusoier, Rory c 2019

How the garden came to be at this modern art gallery in the UK; color photos of each plant along with a brief profile (expanded captions); the garden through the seasons.

***Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design*** Vogt, Benjamin c 2023 (Digital edition)  
Great photos of naturalized gardens of all types in the US. Inspiring and informative.  
Extensive coverage from custom seed mixes to garden design and implementation.

***Tiny + Wild: Build A Small-scale Meadow Anytime*** Gardner, Graham Laird c 2023 (Digital edition)  
A nice how-to guide for the home gardener with color photos, plant lists, tools and advice. Practical, thorough and attractive.

### Landscape and Garden Design

***Book of Garden Design, The*** Brookes, John c 1991  
An older title but still one of the best for exterior living spaces. Comprehensive and packed with photos for every garden aspect, from hardscapes to fences to plants.

***Creative Garden Design Patterns*** Wallington, Jack c 2020  
Visually exciting exploration and how to use dozens of patterns, color and form in gardens and hardscapes of all styles. Good idea book.

***From Concept to Form in Landscape Design*** Reid, Grant W. ASLA c 1993  
Older title with emphasis on graphic interpretation for outdoor living spaces.

***Garden Design A Book of Ideas*** Howcroft, Heidi; Majerus, Marianne c 2017  
My favorite garden design book. Gorgeous, practical, splendid. A must-have!

***Garden Style A Book of Ideas*** Howcroft, Heidi; Majerus, Marianne c 2023  
A new companion book to ***Garden Design***. Wonderfully inspiring especially for urban and suburban settings. Magnificent photography. Top-notch.

***Gardener's Book of Color, The*** Lawson, Andrew c. 2019 Firefly Books (1996 UK)  
A beautiful, practical book about how to deploy color in the garden. Excellent breadth of material, presenting cultivars by single color as well as images of mature themed gardens. A few images were manipulated to achieve a particular hue but overall a wonderful inspiration for the serious gardener with an artistic bent. Skews British but the ideas are applicable anywhere.

***Gardens with Atmosphere – Creating Gardens with A Sense of Place*** Maynard, Arne with Sue Seddon c 2001  
Beautiful but entirely British. Still, the concepts are universal. Useful tips in explaining how to create a sense of place.

***Gardentopia*** Johnsen, Jan c 2019 (Digital edition)

Nearly 300 pages filled with color photos illustrating every conceivable aspect of garden design. A fun book to get lost in, packed with fresh executions of tried and true landscaping concepts. For the pro and amateur alike.

***Less Is More Garden, The*** Morrison, Susan c 2018

Urban gardens and small spaces. Good selection of plants for zone 6.

***Paradise Gardens: The World's Most Beautiful Islamic Gardens*** Don, Monty and Derry Moore c 2018 A short book featuring gardens of the Middle East, India and Britain. Just a few photos each. More about the history and stylistic differences; very little plant information.

***Residential Landscape Architecture: Design Process for the Private Residence***

Booth, Norman K.; Hiss, James E. c 7<sup>th</sup> Edition 2018

Mostly for the student of landscape design. Emphasis is on drawing and mapping.

***Setting the Scene: A Garden Design Masterclass from Repton to the Modern Age*** Carter, George; Majerus, Marianne c 2008

Nice but not exemplary. British and rather formal, so of limited use in US.

***White Gardens – Creating Magnificent Moonlit Spaces-- Guide to White and Luminous Plants***  
c. 2024 Koziol, Nina and Creative Homeowner

A colorful paperback with big photographs and approachable, simple commentary. A little repetitive, but overall a good choice for Americans of all levels of expertise looking to create white-themed plantings. Wide choice of cultivars and foliage companions.

## Roses

***Old Roses and English Roses***; Austin, David c 1992

***Shrub Roses and Climbing Roses***; Austin, David c 1993

Two books for rose buffs only. As a Brit, Austin writes for British growing conditions. Lots of history and obscure details about uncommon cultivars and species roses.

***Handbook of Roses***; Austin, David c 2019; 2021; 2022

A quality paperback catalog/ perfect-bound booklet mailed to existing customers for free. Concise, excellent and contains all you need to know about growing all roses. The photos are marvelous. We can only dream of raising roses like these.

## Peonies

***Peony The Best Varieties for Your Garden*** Michener, David; Adelman, Carol A. c 2017  
Good for choosing cultivars. The authors own a mail order peony farm in Oregon.

***Peonies Beautiful Varieties for Home and Garden*** Eastoe, Jane c 2018  
Less practical than the title above, but photographs are fabulous.

### [Hellebores](#)

***Hellebores A Comprehensive Guide*** Burrell, C. Colston; Tyler, Judith Knott c 2006  
In-depth coverage of cultivar origins, care, propagation and culture. The authors run a mail order hellebore business based out of Virginia.

***Hellebores*** Rice, Graham A Royal Horticultural Society book c 2008  
A slim paperback that contains everything you need to know for success.

### [Escapism for Cold Winter Days](#)

***Adventures in Eden*** Mullet, Caroline c 2020  
Exciting private gardens of Europe, with a focus on today's trends. Invigorating, fresh coverage not found elsewhere. The author runs a European garden tour company.

***Dreamscapes*** Claire Takacs – c 2017  
Inspiring, lush photography of top gardens around the world, in every climate. Good source for unusual layout ideas and novel plant combinations.

***English Country House Garden, The*** Plumptre, George c 2014  
For lovers of traditional English gardens. Approachable commentary with limited general photos. More for style; not a practical handbook. Features scenes from famous gardens like Great Dixter and Exbury to private country estates.

***Gardenista: The Definitive Guide to Stylish Outdoor Spaces*** Slatalla, Michelle c 2016  
Idea book for upscale patios, pools, décor and garden areas close to the house.

***Gardenlust: A Botanical Tour of the World's Best New Gardens*** Woods, Christopher c 2018.  
Similar to Dreamscapes. Only 8 gardens from the US, and just 2 from the Mid-Atlantic region. Still, many striking and arresting flora and gardens from all over the world.

***Gardens of Arne Maynard, The*** Maynard, Arne c 2105  
A lavish coffee table tome of some of England's finest gardens. Full spreads throughout. A book to get lost in if you love English gardens, both formal and cottage.

***Layered Garden, The*** Culp, David with Adam Levine. Photos by Rob Cardillo c 2012.  
Brandywine Cottage garden in Bucks County Pennsylvania through the seasons. (Note, Bucks County is in zone 7).

***Secret Gardeners: Britain's Creatives Reveal their Private Sanctuaries*** Summerly, Victoria c 2017. Gardens of Britain's rich and famous. Nice but not exceptional. Lots of photos.

***Unexpected Houseplants: 220 Extraordinary Choices for Every Spot in Your Home*** Martin, Tovah c 2012. Aspirational, but not very practical unless you have a sunroom or ideal conditions to grow many of these plants indoors. Still, the creative pairing of specific plants with unusual and lovely containers, and the photography throughout, are exceptional.

### [Conifers](#)

***Gardening with Conifers*** Bloom, Adrian; Bloom, Richard c 2017  
A welcome book on an under-appreciated topic. British, but still useful for the US.

### [Cut Flowers](#)

***A Year in Flowers*** Benzkein, Erin; Jorgensen, Jill; Chai, Julie c 2020  
Lush photos and comprehensive how-to on formal flower arranging from a retail grower-designer. The author owns Floret Flower Farm in Washington state.

### [Insects](#)

***Gardening for Butterflies*** Xerces Society, The c 2017  
Attracting butterflies. Excellent data on nectar-producing natives and larval host plants.

***Field Guide to Butterflies of North America*** National Audubon Society 1981  
A premier butterfly identification guide with color photos, lifecycle, range, habitats.

***Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies*** Lewis, Sara c 2016  
Way more than you ever wanted to know about these little guys! Mostly text.

### [Convergence of Gardening and Fine Art](#)

***Artist's Garden, The: American Impressionism and the Garden Movement***

Marley, Anna (editor) c 2015. A magnificent collection of color plates of fine art garden and botanically inspired paintings, such as those by Maria Oakey Dewing, Sargent and many others. A rare and unique book published by University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia. (It may be available at local museum shops, Winterthur Library, etc.)

***Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*** McDowell, Marta c 2013

History, biography, Ms. Potter's illustrations, photos of her garden at Hill Top then and now, and the plants and places she frequented. Beatrix was as much an avid gardener as she was illustrator, and this book really brings her gardening and art to life.