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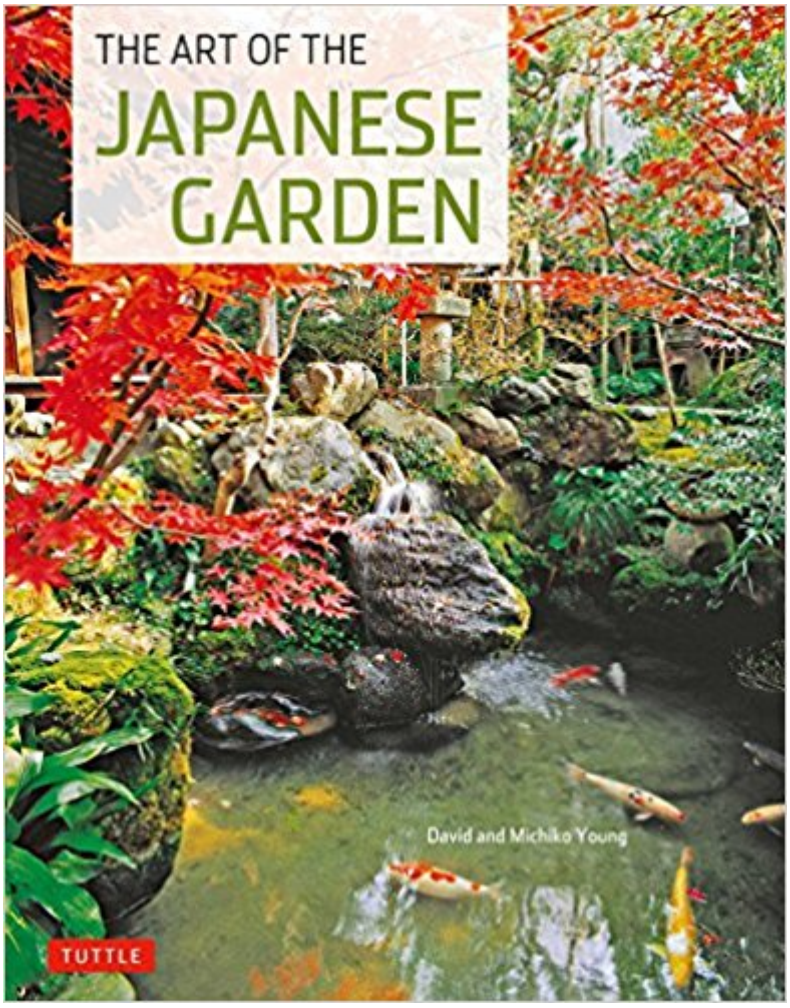

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Synopsis

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. Also included are sections on modern trends and Japanese gardens in other countries.

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"If you love gardens and want to learn more about Japanese gardens, this book will suit you down to the ground." Ã¢â ¬â •Sequins and Cherry Blossom"This book is so roundly written that it could, if necessary, serve as the only book one had to introduce and explain to Westerners the basic components of Japanese gardens." Ã¢â ¬â •The American Gardener"A well-written and beautifully illustrated reference book intended for a broad audience. It is a great book for becoming acquainted with the topic of Japanese gardens" Ã¢â ¬â •Landscape Architecture

David Young taught anthropology at the University of Alberta in Canada before retiring. Together with his wife, he has conducted research on Japanese aesthetics for many years. A keen photographer, he took most of the photographs for this book.Michiko Young was born in China and raised in Japan. She conducts culture tours to Japan for those who wish to get off the beaten track. David and Michiko live in the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia, Canada. They co-authored Introduction to Japanese Architecture.

If you are interested in the history of Japanese gardens along with great photographs of some of the top traditional gardens in Japan then this is the book for you. While the first part of the book provides descriptions of key elements that make up a good Japanese garden, unless you are a trained, professional landscape designer it is not a design guide for those interested in creating their own Japanese garden.

As a Volunteer Guide at our Portland Japanese Garden (one of the very best in North America), I've collected a number of Garden books. This book is my favorite. It is nicely illustrated with pictures, drawings, maps and diagrams. The narrative concerning Garden history, styles and design principles is clear, and concise. Many of the prominent Gardens in Japan are featured. It covers both classical and more modern styles of Gardens. If you get one book on Japanese Gardens, make it this one.

Nice book. Good photos. Excellent subject.

I ordered this book somewhat "blind" without having seen it in a bookstore, etc. When it arrived, I must say that I was thrilled with the quality of the text, photos and other illustrations. The book thoroughly covers the basic history, principles and aesthetics of Japanese Gardens. Then it takes an in-depth look at some of the finest gardens of each type found in Japan. Highly recommended.

Wonderful! Full of amazing images of Oriental garden design! I am so pleased I bought it!

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