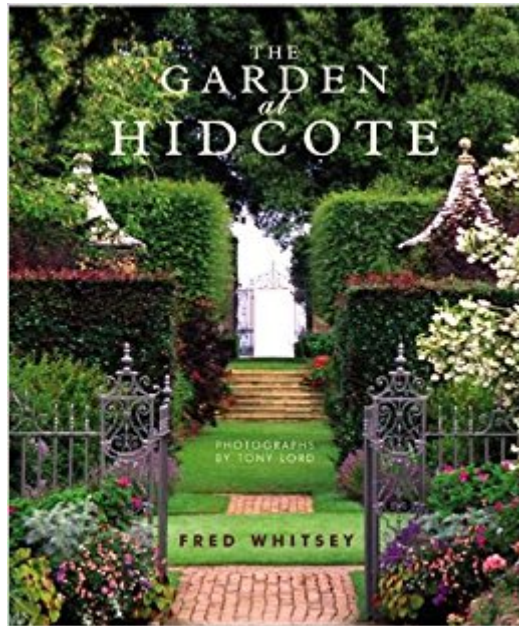




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The Garden At Hidcote



Synopsis

The garden of Hidcote Manor in Gloucestershire is among the most influential gardens in England, and certainly one of the most visited. Each year more than 100,000 visitors come to this Cotswold hilltop to admire the intricate parterres and exuberant borders, to wander through the fabled series of 'garden rooms' and the mysterious woodland glades and find inspiration in the varied gallery of plants. No garden made in the 20th century has more clearly charted the direction to be taken by garden style. None has offered more vivid inspiration to the makers of gardens large and small.

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Fred Whitsey, who died in 2009 at the age of 90, was for many years Gardening Correspondent first of the Sunday Telegraph and later of the Daily Telegraph. He was awarded both the Gold Veitch Memorial Medal and the Victoria Medal of Honour of the RHS. Tony Lord, photographer, writer and horticultural consultant, holds the Victoria Medal of Honour of the RHS. He has also won the Garden Writers' Guild Award for Best General Gardening Book.

Absolutely gorgeous book. The photographs are so enticing - they make me want to do the garden tour.

Hidcote is a beautiful garden in person. The book takes generic photos and never even comes close to capturing the spirit of the garden.

Hidcote, often cited as the most famous garden in England, was created by Lawrence Johnson in the Cotswolds and has been a strong influence on garden design. Themed rooms, enclosed by hedges formed out of yew, beech and hornbeam, feature stunning vistas adorned with pools, topiary, a combination of various paving textures as well as lush green pathways, and a restrained use of garden ornament. The book begins with a chapter on the garden's creator and surprisingly, little is known about him. Johnson was born to American parents in Paris and traveled the world through a career in the military. His mother bought the Cotswolds property in 1907 and Johnson lived there with her and set about to transform the property in the legendary garden that it is today. His gardening style and influences are not really known as he didn't keep journals or records. He was a private man whose contacts in the gardening community were limited but it is generally assumed that he was heavily influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement, headed by Gertrude Jeckyll and Edward Lutyens. Whatever his influences, Johnson crafted a unique garden which is now maintained by the National Trust. Each chapter covers a specific "room" in the garden and a map is coded with numbers to show the various areas of the garden. The entire garden consists of 21 different areas (The Red Borders, Alpine Terrace, Stilt Garden, and Rose Walk are just a few examples). The photographs by Tony Lord are stunning and many are featured on full pages. This is a stunning book, the next best thing to being there!

A very interesting book on one of the most famous gardens in the world. Wish it had had more descriptions of the famous borders.

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