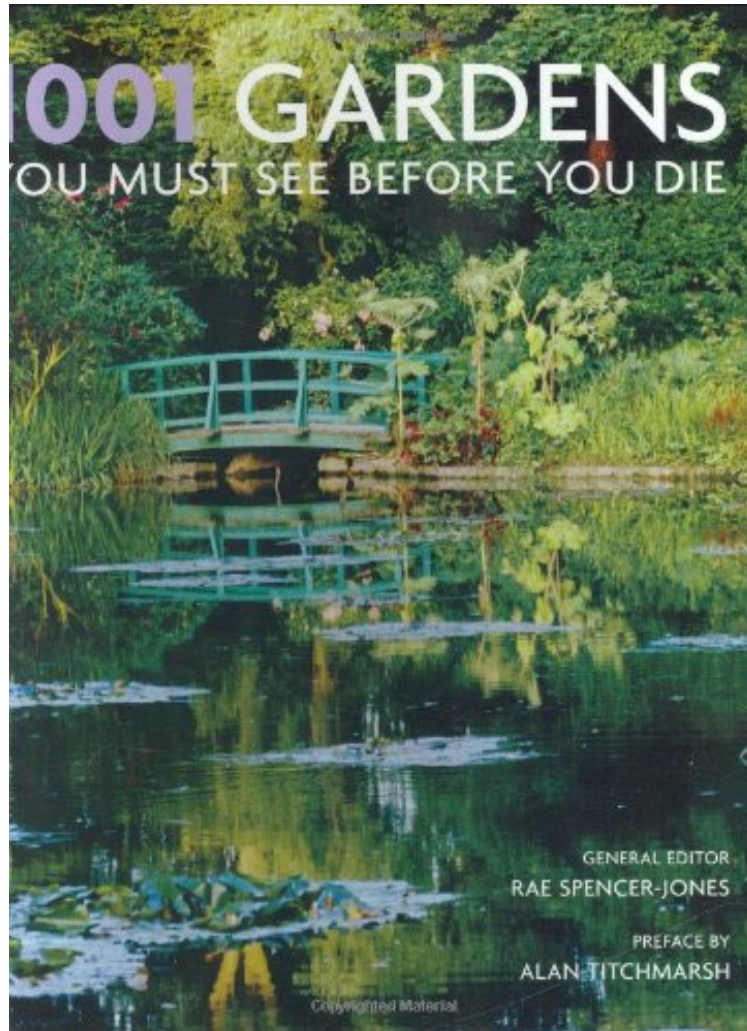


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"1001 Gardens" is an extraordinary showcase of the best examples of man's artistic taming of nature from the world's most outstanding landscape gardeners. From the famous gardens of the Moorish Alhambra to hidden gems, such as the Leichtag family's Healing Garden, created for patients at the San Diego Children's Hospital, this lavishly illustrated guide will delight both lovers of natural beauty and gardeners alike. Covering the entire globe, the guide presents the very best example of every gardening style, whether it is the inspirational European floral display of impressionist painter Claude Monet's garden at Giverny in France or the exuberant diversity of the lush tropical gardens of Bali. Everywhere, gardens speak of the intimate relationship between man and the environment. Worldwide and from person to person our conceptions of beauty may differ, but gardeners are united in their desire to create visions of heaven on earth, places that stimulate the imagination and restore the spirit.

From Publishers Weekly This gorgeous volume is like porn for horticulturists. Gardens from all around the world in every possible climate, style and size fill this book to bursting. Here are public spaces everyone knows like Central Park in New York City, Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens in Canada and Les Jardins des Tuileries in Paris as well as gardens only the most well-traveled ever get to see; such as Bagh-e Eram in Iran or Jargu Jui Sculpture Park in Romania. Many privately owned, rarely viewed gardens are featured as well, such as Brook Cottage Garden in Oxfordshire, England; Vico Morcote in Ticino, Switzerland; and Rustenberg Farm Gardens in Western Cape, South Africa. Whether one prefers modern sculpture gardens, formal flower gardens or Japanese Zen landscapes, Spencer-Jones's impressive team of 70 photographers, writers and horticulturists have captured them all in concise detail. While some readers might have preferred more and bigger photos (sadly, some entries don't come with pictures at all), most garden lovers will appreciate the comprehensive history, design and climate information that accompanies each entry. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist This beautifully designed if hefty resource serves as the ultimate garden-based vacation-planning guide for lovers of paradise landscapes and flourishing green spaces. Editor Spencer-Jones, along with dozens of contributors, describes 1,001 world gardens in brief essays providing insights into the gardens' engaging history, enchanting stylistic elements, and seasonal spectacles, as well as profiling garden makers and designers from Indian rajahs and Moroccan sultans to Edith Wharton and Claude Monet. Organized by region, the survey brims with vivid anecdotes, useful information, and alluring images. The worldwide panoply of gardens encompasses every style and type of habitat from wet tropical to temperate to arid in naturalistic settings, formal estates, private havens, and botanical wonderlands, as well as examples of such innovations as France's fantastical Les Jardins de L'Imaginaire. Surely the best compendium to date for both the botanically inclined armchair traveler who likes to dream and the intrepid sojourner preparing for a tour. Alice Joyce Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "Vast compendiums are often best avoided, but 1001 Gardens You must see before You Die, is an exception Original and far ranging, this Edenic grouping stretches across nearly every continent. " "Town Country," December 2007 "Most of the entries have pictures, though to me the most interesting gardens are those that cannot be captured in one image. The landscapes that seem to give their all in one sitting, or rely on a lot of bedding annuals for color, those are the one that I will try to live without. In that sense, the book is valuable as well. " "Washington Post," May 6, 2007, Adrian Higgins " the latest book fad is the ubiquitous '1,001 things to see before you die ' category. It 's Chicken Soup for the Crazy Urbanite soul. " "New York Post," July 23, 2007, Mackenzie Dawson "From the publishing house that already has brought us "1001 Natural Wonders You Must See Before You Die" and "1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die" comes