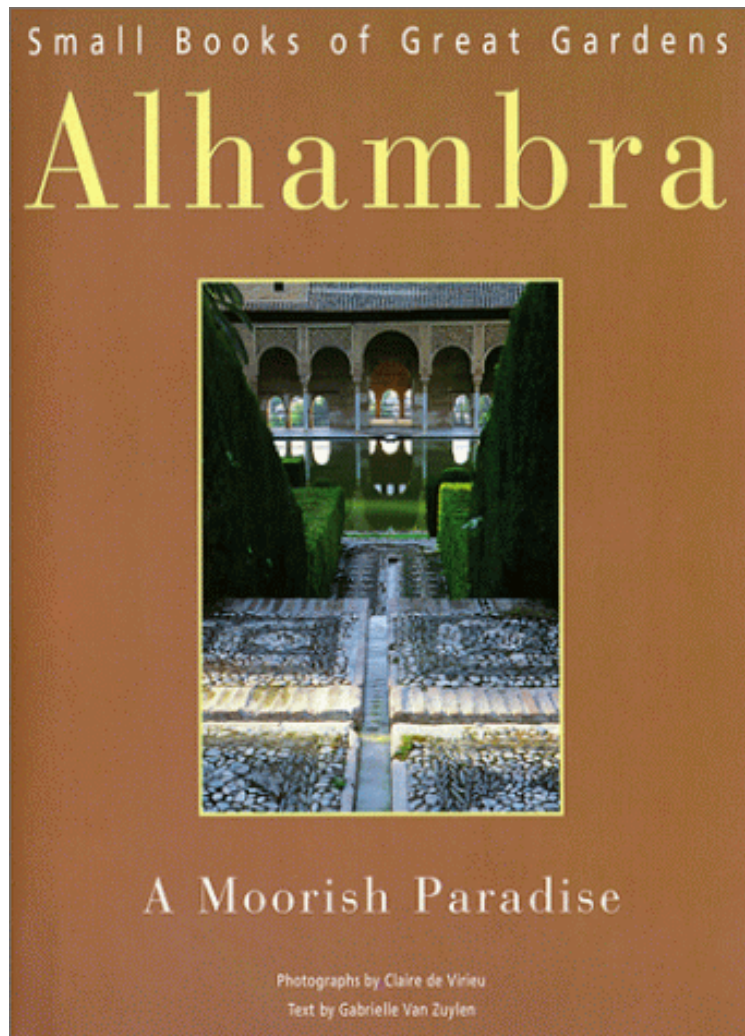


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Claire de Virieu : Alhambra: A Moorish Paradise (Small Books of Great Gardens) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Alhambra: A Moorish Paradise (Small Books of Great Gardens):

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful little bookBy Stephen McHenryGreat photographs that really evoke the feeling of the Alhambra. Not too much text, but what is there does a nice job of covering the history, the layout, and the essential sense of the place. I purchased the book several months before a trip to Spain for background information. It is also good armchair travel book. I also found that my wife loved it for a gardening book. You can look at the photos over and over again.Now that we are back from Spain, the book is an excellent reminder of a very lovely place. An interesting book from both travelling and gardening viewpoints.6 of 6 people found the

following review helpful. An Alhambra Sampler By Susan C. Parks Having visited the Alhambra and believing it to be one of the most uniquely beautiful places in the world, I wanted a book with photos of the building and grounds. It is a great "Small Book of Great Gardens", but I think more photos of the Generalife are in order. I am grateful for the photos of some of the stone design walk-ways. I gave it a four not a five because I felt it needed and I wanted just a bit more! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expect however I respect it. By LaMoor I believe I chose the wrong book I was looking for more pictures of the Alhambra because as I listen to the stories of the Alhambra I wanted to imagine I was right there. However I would say to anyone who wants a brief story of the history this book will suffice.

This volume describes the gardens of the Alhambra, Spain's most visited monument. Started during the Islamic conquest of Spain, it contains a dazzling series of lace-like courtyards, as well as the gardens of the Generalife. Outside the fortress walls of the Alhambra, the "Gardens of the Architect" have symmetrical beds of flowering plants framed by romantic architecture and enlivened by the sound of water from myriad fountains and bubbling pools.

From Library Journal These four exquisite books launch a new series profiling famous gardens, including the Islamic water gardens of Spain's Alhambra; Ninfa, a romantic garden laid out in the ruins of a medieval village 45 miles southeast of Rome; the tropical Moroccan gardens of Majorelle, laid out in the 1920s by French artist Louis Majorelle and now owned by Yves St. Laurent and partner Bergdorf; and the fairy-tale setting of Apremont, in which a towered castle rises over a flower-filled medieval village on the bank of the Allier River. Each of these little books (6" x 9") relates the history of the region and garden spot and the construction of the garden and includes over 100 color photographs, many double-page spreads. The stunning photography is by noted garden photographer de Virieu, the texts by individuals who know and love the featured garden. All the gardens are open to the public, and each book contains visitor information and garden layouts. Despite a few flaws (the small print in the captions is difficult to read, and Alhambra had a messy word-processing mix-up that wasn't caught), these breathtakingly lovely books make a wonderful introduction for anyone who plans to visit these gardens. Highly recommended for garden or travel collections. A Carol Cubberley, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.