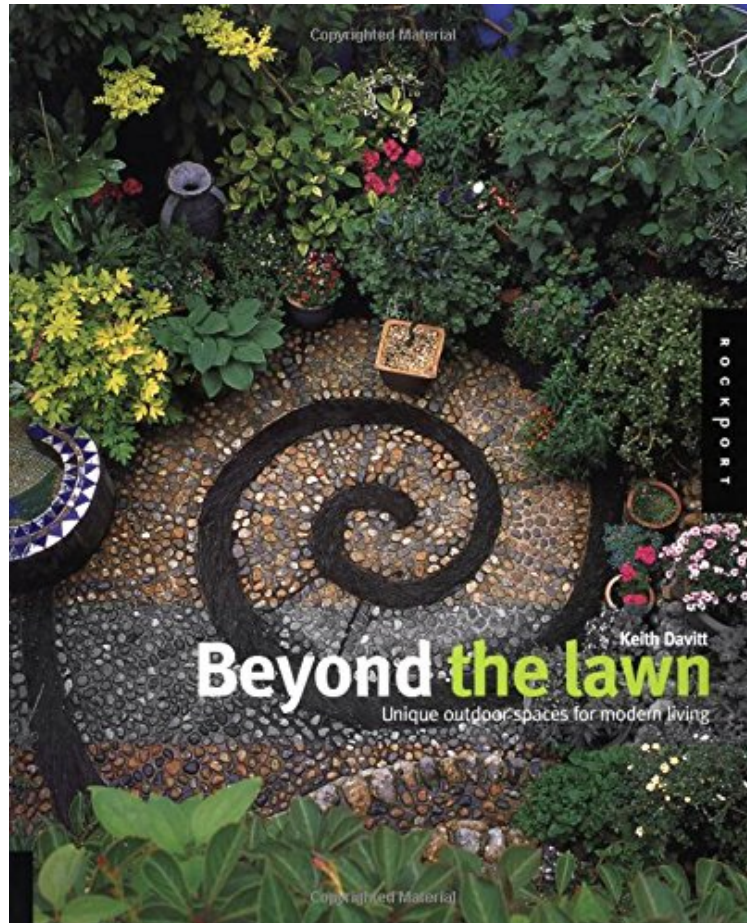


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atmosphere, *Beyond The Lawn* is a welcome and enthusiastically recommended addition to professional and personal gardening reference collections. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Great Book! By Greg Speichert This is a great book for the gardener with little space. All of the gardens featured are pretty small by suburban standards. But none the less, the gardens and designs Keith Davitt covers are spectacular. You will discover how to get rid of that same old boring lawn that everyone else has on the block. Davitt takes you through creating your very own unique garden with stone, brick, gravel, water and lots more. He covers why it works for the owner and the space given. It gives valuable insights for the gardener planning a new space.

Written by veteran landscape designer Keith Davitt, this guide offers a wealth of ideas for non-traditional outdoor spaces that are as beautiful as they are low-maintenance. It shows how to banish cutting, watering and weed worries by creating outdoor spaces that replace traditional grass lawns with rock walls, sculptures, native grasses, mosses, wildflowers and more. Davitt guides readers through design choices that suit their unique needs, such as determining which plants will thrive in particular climates and soil conditions.

From Publishers Weekly Homeowners reluctant to "make the investment of time and resources that lawns require" should consider gardens sans grass, insists garden designer Davitt-but while his ideas for rock gardens, ground covers and terraces are on the whole appealing, most look like they'd take more maintenance (and money) than a traditional lawn. In chapters that highlight pebbled gardens, bricked gardens, gardens with water and other themes, Davitt picks admirable specimens and then analyzes them according to "the look," "what works and why," "variations on a theme" (in which he makes suggestions for changes) and "where this style can be used"-a tactic that some readers might find helpfully consistent and others repetitively intrusive. One garden, with its pattern of contrasting stones, evokes a creek bed; another features a deck devoted to succulents. There are many different plans here, and plenty of illustrations, though the design of the pages themselves is blocky and not particularly attractive. Aerial shots and layout drawings reveal the gardens' shapes clearly, while side notes with titles like "Nothing in a garden exists alone" and "What is a garden?" seek to add a kind of semi-philosophical gravitas. A book that belongs in a workroom rather than on the coffee table, this volume should offer disenchanted grass-growers plenty of new ideas. Color illustrations throughout. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. "An array of miraculous garden makeovers makes *Beyond the Lawn* a fascinating read for anyone seeking inspiration to create a lawnless garden." Home magazine "About the Author Keith Davitt has been designing, building, photographing, and writing about gardens for 20 years. His gardens and articles have appeared in numerous magazines, and he is the author of *Small Spaces, Beautiful Gardens*. He lives in Cambridge, New York.