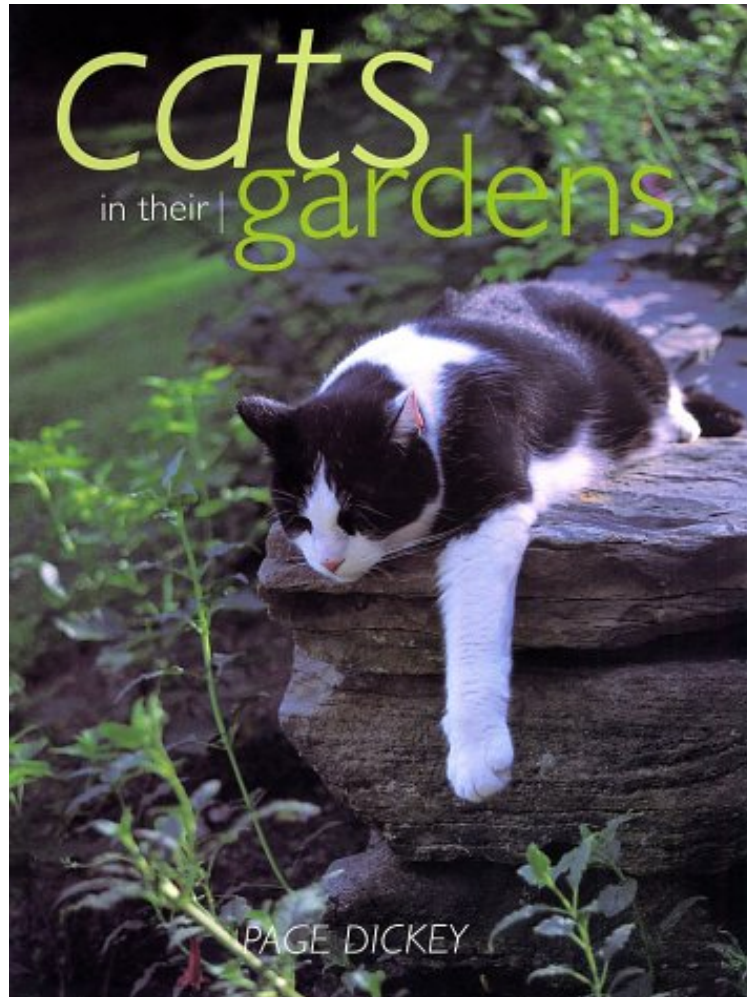


## Cats in Their Gardens

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Page Dickey takes us on an insider's tour of twenty of the most charming gardens in America and Europe with the ideal garden companion - cats. Author Roxana Robinson's Victorian garden in upstate New York, Martha Stewart's cottage garden of perennials in Westport, Connecticut, plus noted garden authority Penelope Hobhouse's private garden retreat in the English countryside, and other well-known gardens are explored not only as fine examples of garden design, but as sanctuaries of the cats who call them home (see attachment). The author has trained her camera on an assortment of garden-loving cats - including calicos, Himalayans, Abyssinians, ocicats, Maine coon cats, and ordinary tabbies. Shown stretched out in the sun, draped languorously on a stone wall, or sprawled on the cool grass, these cats always manage to choose the most becoming flowers or foliage for background.

From Publishers WeeklyThe author of *Dogs in Their Gardens* turns her attention to felines among flowers in a little giftbook more for fans of cats than of plants. A cat, Dickey suggests, is a "more benign presence" in a garden than a snuffling, lily-tromping dog; then there's the added benefit that cats seem naturally fond of photogenic poses. Visiting "special gardens" at home and abroad armed with a camera and a tendency toward whimsy-and, it must be admitted, toward being a bit too cutesy-Dickey showcases humble mixed-breeds in garden designer Allen Haskell's nursery and Himalayans in Martha Stewart's well-appointed Connecticut yard. She also includes a few photomontages ("pusses in poses"; "kitten klatch"). The text accompanying the pictures breezily recounts the genesis of various pets and the tidbits about their owners' lives and gardens. While the layout of the book is far from sophisticated and the pictures are a bit small, Dickey's slim volume is sure to please soft-hearted cat lovers. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.  
About the AuthorPage Dickey is a noted garden writer, lecturer, and avid photographer, whose books include *Dogs in Their Gardens* (STC), *Inside Out: Relating Garden to House* (STC), *Duck Hill Journal: A Year in a Country Garden* (Houghton Mifflin), and the award-winning *Breaking Ground: Portraits of Ten Garden Designers* (Artisan). She writes on garden design for *House Garden*, *House Beautiful*, and *Elle Decor*. Her garden companions not only include two dogs but three cats. She lives in North Salem, New York.