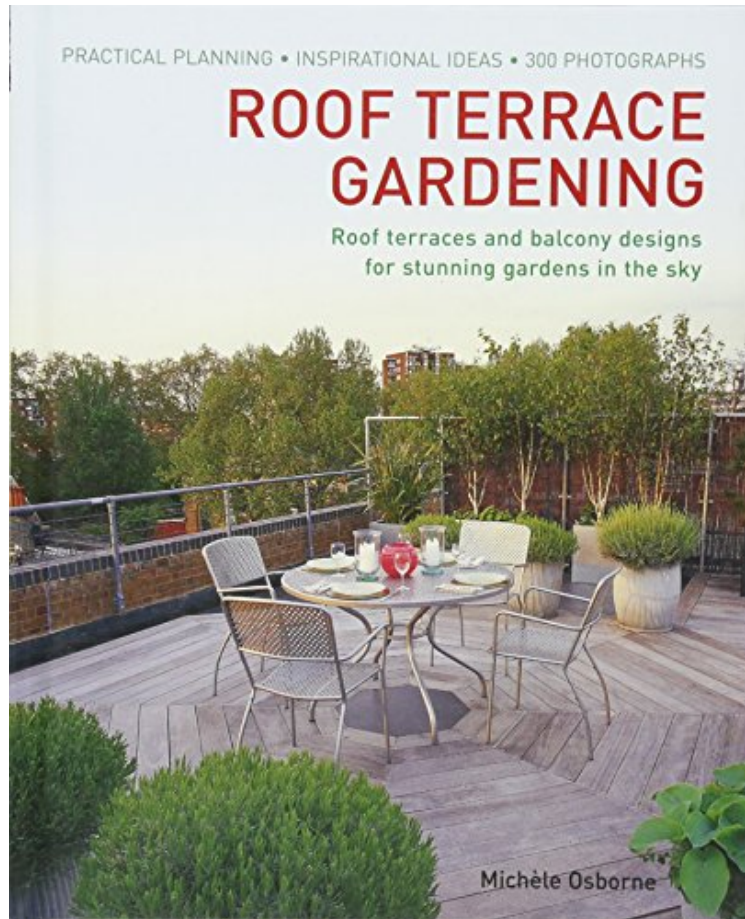


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How to individualize your roof terrace with designs, plans, practical advice and plant lists; here are inspiring solutions and how-to case studies for every kind of rooftop space, with gorgeous photographs of sky-high locations in England, New York and New Zealand.

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