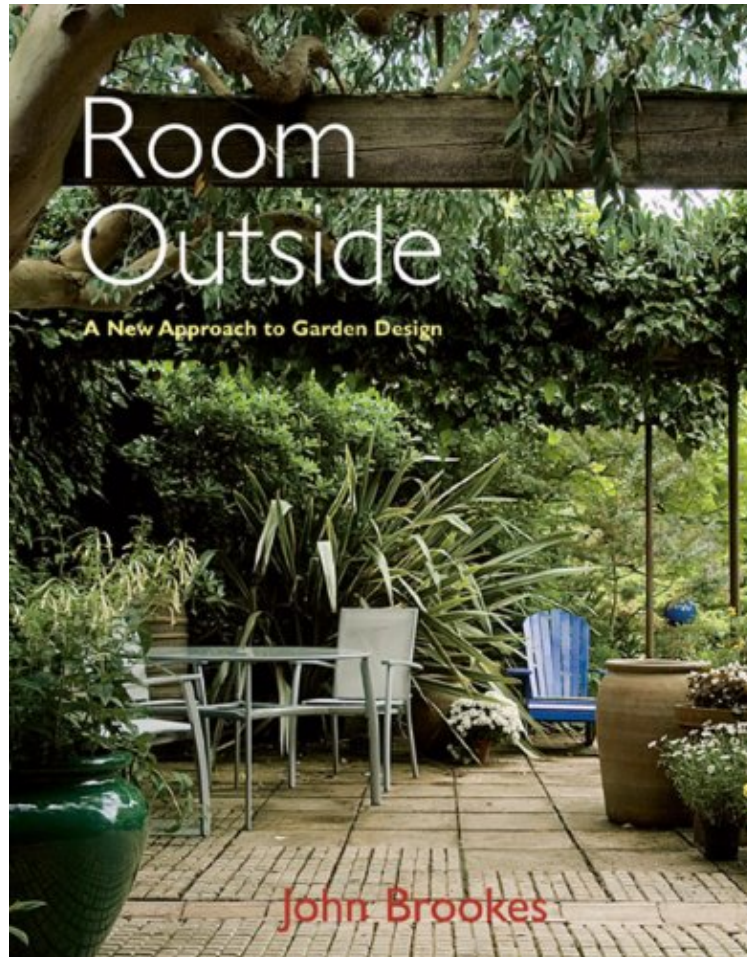


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About the Author John Brookes MBE has influenced contemporary garden design worldwide more than anybody in his field. He has designed over a thousand gardens in Europe, Australia, Asia and North and South America, one of the best known being the English Walled Garden at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He has been Chairman of the Society of Garden Designers as well as running his own school of garden design at his celebrated home in Sussex, where he practises what he teaches and uses the paved terrace outside his kitchen year round. At Denmans he also pioneered natural gardening with trees, shrubs, perennials and self-sown annuals in gravel to achieve a relaxed but very carefully planned effect that requires little maintenance. He is an inspiring teacher and lecturer and the author of a host of best-selling books, including *The Small Garden* and *John Brookes Garden Design*.