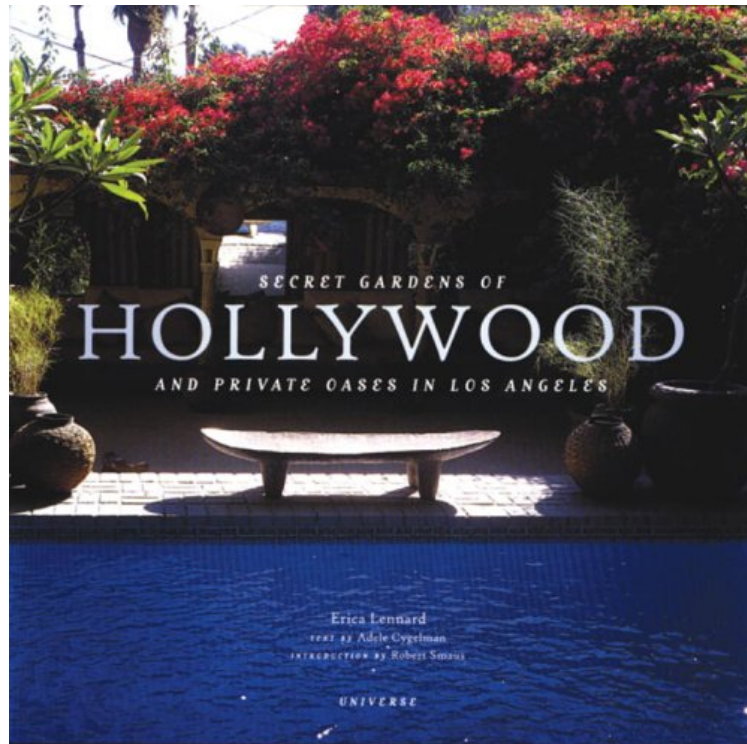


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Adele Cygelman : Secret Gardens of Hollywood: And Other Private Oases in Los Angeles before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secret Gardens of Hollywood: And Other Private Oases in Los Angeles:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book for gardening ideas! By Eric in Portland This book is a great book if you like a lot of pictures on great private gardens hidden from the public eye in LA. It has some grisly inspiring ideas. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Real Southern Californian Gardens By Rialed After reading the reviews, I passed on this book. But I am glad I changed my mind and ordered it. These are real L.A. gardens, with the combination of plant materials, they could be nowhere else but Southern California. Yes, the pictures are not fabulous by artistic standards but they do show the plants well and how it all works. (One of the things I hate about some garden books is pictures that look great but are so staged as to be unreal.) Yes, the writing is more about an odd collection of pseudo-celebrities but, again, it tells you what you want to know about the origin and composition of the gardens. I loved this book, and if you live in Southern California, it is a very valuable addition to a gardening library for people who really do garden. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice book with nice pictures. Lovely cover. By Panamajack A nice book that takes you to many of Hollywood's private gardens, from Santa Monica to Beverly Hills to Hollywood. A nice tour of the plethora of exotic plants, trees and flowers that can be grown in Los Angeles. Nice pictures too.

This book offers a peek into the most beautiful private gardens of Los Angeles, one of the most verdant places on earth. Life here is meant to be lived outdoors and extravagantly, and these gardens reflect the town's larger-than-life personalities who take pride in their extraordinary garden sanctuaries. The sunny, warm climate in L.A. allows garden designers to unleash their most creative gardening fantasies, using plants collected from all over the world. The twenty-five gardens in the book illustrate the remarkable range of styles in the area, from Joni Mitchell's whimsical Bel-Air garden retreat to a garden of rare succulent plants at Jack LaLanne's former residence to Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen's Southern-style country hideaway. Featuring all-new photographs by Erica Lennard, coauthor of the bestselling book *The Art of Doing Nothing*, this escape book is sure to appeal to gardeners and star-gazers alike.

From Publishers Weekly With Hollywood mansions nearly as fabled as their inhabitants, it's not surprising that many of the homes lay claim to some of the country's most fanciful gardens. For one, there's California's balmy climate, perfect for growing calla lilies, wisteria, cactus, jasmine, avocado trees and gardenias. Second, what better place to find someone to create a garden than a region jam-packed with people who are experts on transforming back lots into everything from snowy New England towns to tropical beaches? Lennard and Cygelman divide their book by garden theme, including Mediterranean, romantic, exotic and country. They take readers through 25 gardens, including Mary Steenburgen and Ted Danson's water lily-filled yard; Judy Horton's shady front walkway; and Keith and Keri Addis's tightly clipped box hedges. If you can't have the backyard of a star, you might as well live vicariously through these lush photographs. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Erica Lennard is the photographer of the bestselling books *The Art of Doing Nothing* and *The Art of Imperfection*. Her other books include *Gardens by the Sea* and *Artists' Gardens*. Adele Cygelman is a freelance writer specializing in interior design and architecture. Her book *Palm Springs Modern* was published by Rizzoli in 1999.