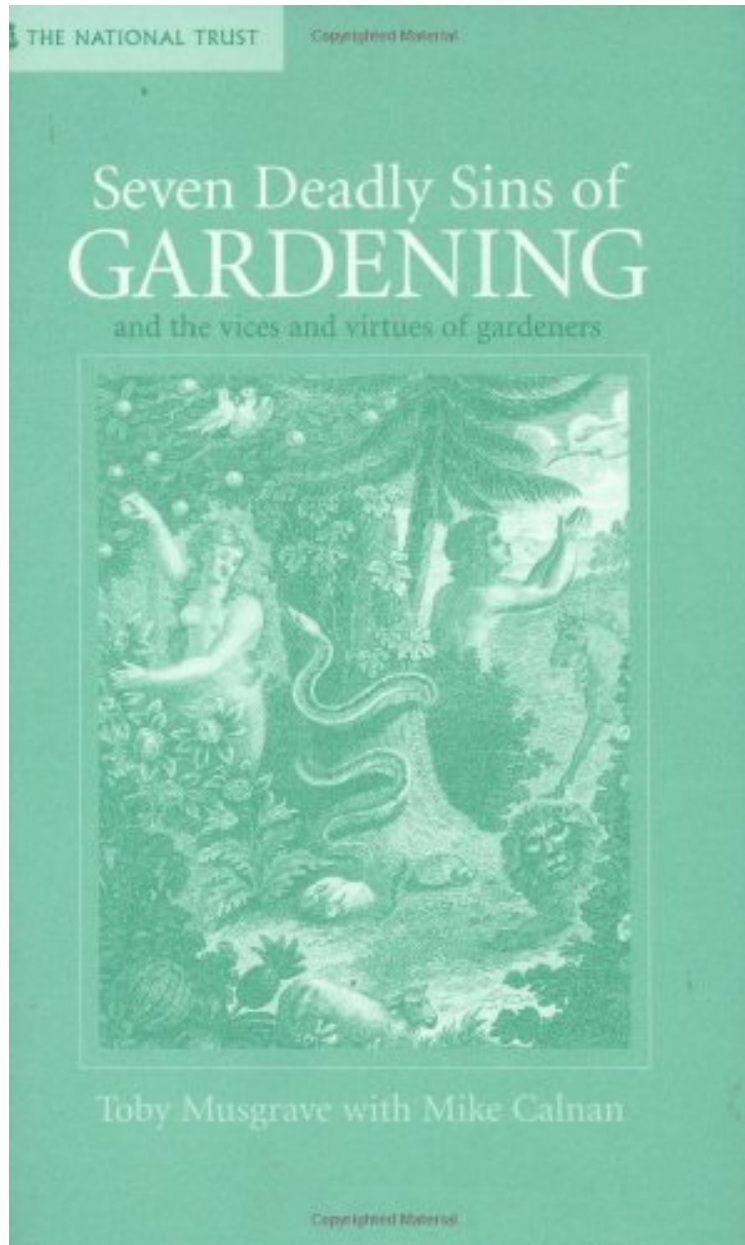


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With chapters that include Lust, Wrath, Sloth, and Gluttony, this is an amusing history of British gardening's greatest eccentrics. Recorded here are the vices, virtues, and quirks of British gardeners through the ages, particularly those who shaped the gardens of the National Trust. From the obsessive to the visionary, the eclectic to the eccentric, each chapter explores how gardeners played out their excesses, thus revealing the gardens' secrets and why they were created; the fortunes lavished and lost; clandestine and unorthodox uses; and hidden meanings. For example, Sir Francis Dashwood's lusty garden at West Wycombe in Buckinghamshire has been described as "laid out by a curious arrangement of streams, bushes, and plantation to represent the female form." A rare treat for garden lovers everywhere.

From Booklist What gardener hasn't lusted over his neighbor's luscious roses, or greedily bought up every flat of pale purple pansies so that no one else could have them? Along with pride, wrath, sloth, envy, and even gluttony, the seven deadly sins have always found fertile ground in gardening, and nowhere is this more evident than in the grand estates that make up Britain's National Trust. Tired of only talking about the horticultural history of garden forms and noteworthy designers, the authors realized that the behind-the-scenes stories of the people who actually owned these estates and commissioned their landscape designs would have immense popular appeal. From Rudyard Kipling's chagrin over opening the gates of his East Sussex estate to the local flower show to Churchill's habit of feeding maggots to the pet fish in his water garden, the collection teems with arcane and amusing tidbits from the gardening lifestyles of the rich and famous of yore. A charming addition to the gardening shelf. Haggas, Carol About the Author Toby Musgrave is a leading garden history writer and garden consultant. He has co-presented two series of Lost Gardens (Channel 4) and ITV's The Great Garden Guide. On radio, he was the originator of, and major contributor to, Radio 4's six-part The British Garden. A regular contributor to many magazines and newspapers, he is also the author of 'The Plant Hunters', 'An Empire of Plants', 'Courtyard Gardens' and 'Cottage Gardens'.