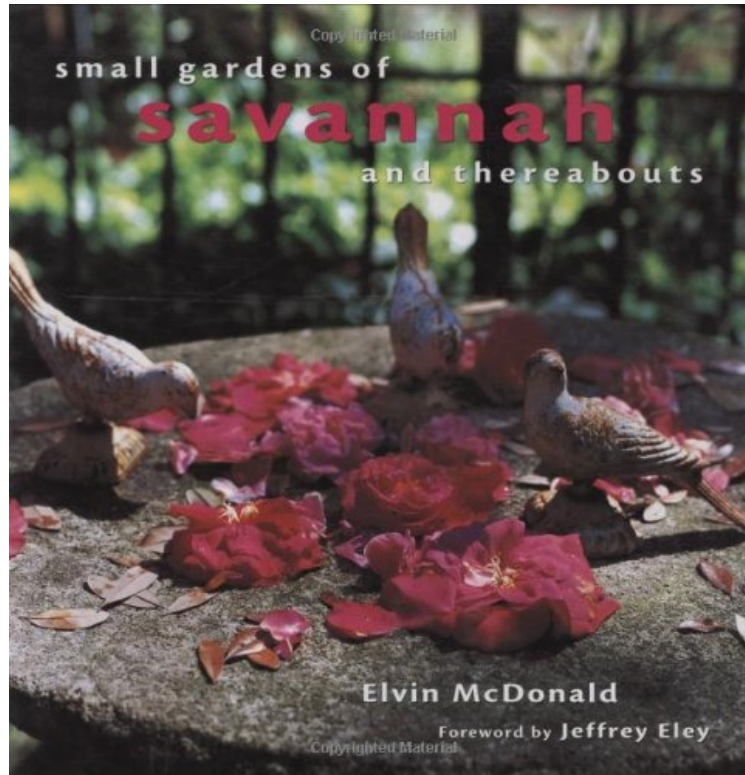


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Elvin McDonald : Small Gardens of Savannah and Thereabouts before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Small Gardens of Savannah and Thereabouts:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A little book with a lot of information
By Nancy S. Cunningham
This is an excellent book, full of information and inspiring photographs. No wasted words here, but facts and directions for planning and implementing a small space garden. The author has a brisk, and often humorous style that is easy to read. Morris talks about city front yards, side yards, courtyards, and small sections of larger gardens. He describes the garden process from planning to planting to enjoying. Pruning, problem plants, and watering: all here. This book is not overly technical but enough detail is here to get your garden growing.
8 of 8 people found the following review helpful.
The Small Enchanted Oasis
By Phillip O.I visited Savannah many years ago and it was so hot and humid that I vowed I wouldn't go back. This book might make me change my mind though. Savannah is indeed a beautiful historical city, filled with charming little gardens and Georgian Colonial and Greek Revival architecture. Behind some of the walls and iron gates are these tiny paradises filled with semi-tropical foliage and old fashioned southern flowers. This tour showcases these gardens, both public and private ones. Chapters are arranged by garden type - walled gardens, side gardens, historical gardens, pocket gardens, rooftop gardens, container gardens, treelawns, work spaces, etc. Descriptions are included but the highlight of the book is easily the outstanding photographs. The author also includes a "must-have" plant list for the southern gardener and a month-by-month planting guide. This is a beautiful book sure to inspire the gardener even if we can't grow some of the tender varieties featured here.
5 of 5 people found the

following review helpful. A visually breathtaking and highly informative tourBy Midwest Book ReviewFilled cover to cover with gorgeous color photography, *Small Gardens Of Savannah And Thereabouts* by gardening enthusiast and expert Elvin McDonald offers a visually breathtaking and highly informative tour of more than thirty gardens created and maintained by the residents of Savannah. Useful secrets for garden upkeep pepper the text commentary in this horticulturally impressive and "reader friendly" exploration recommended especially to all dedicated gardeners and landscaping professionals.

Backyard Edens of Georgias prettiest city. This book celebrates 30 of Savannahs most beautiful small gardens and features horticultural blueprints and advice about what to plant.

About the AuthorA lifelong gardener, Elvin McDonald is an editor at large for *Better Homes and Gardens*. The recipient of the Chicago Horticultural Society's Hutchinson Medal for lifetime achievement, McDonald was also named to the Garden Writers Association Hall of Fame and has designed gardens for celebrities and public agencies across the country. He is the author, editor, photographer, or publisher of hundreds of gardening books, and his work has earned him the nickname Dean of American Garden Editors. McDonald lives in Des Moines, Iowa.An experienced lecturer on the art and architecture of eighteenth and nineteenth century Savannah, historian Jeffrey Eley often uses the city itself as a textbook when teaching others.