

Small Period Gardens

Roy Strong

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Roy Strong : Small Period Gardens before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Small Period Gardens:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Cheryl R. Deets Beautiful and very useful for people who are designing a small period garden for their home. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. One of the best short overviews of garden history, with beautiful photos and reproducible examples By Beth in Iowa I expected this book to be a typical "garden plans for the home gardener" guide, but it was so much more. It contains one of the best very short overviews of garden history that I have read, not merely covering visible garden trends but also the fascinating changes in garden philosophy that accompanied the major changes in social norms and religious/cultural philosophy from the Medieval period until WWII. The writing, while clear and accessible, also demonstrates the masterful command of the English language one expects from a well-educated and culturally knowledgeable older Englishman. Despite being over 20 years old now, the book's photos and historical reproductions are lovely and quite acceptable by more recent standards. They serve to clearly and beautifully illustrate the important garden features described by Strong. And the drawings of the garden plans make me wish I could live in a house with nearly every one of them. The book doesn't just focus on English gardens either. He includes several garden plans of historical American and Scottish types, and seems to understand the differences in climate between these locations and England's better than many English garden writers. This was one of the more fascinating garden books I have read this year. I checked it out of my local library, but had to buy a used copy here so that I could return to it again and again. Luckily, there are

plenty of inexpensive copies listed, unlike for some of the author's more recent books. I highly recommend *Small Period Gardens* for anyone interested in gardening or garden / architectural history.

People are becoming as conscious of historical style in gardening as they are in interior decoration. In this book, Roy Strong looks at the history of gardening from the point of view of recreating a small garden in a particular style. The illustrations include paintings, prints and photographs.

From *Library Journal* Strong, a British garden historian, is author of *A Small Garden Designer's Handbook* (Little, Brown, 1989) and similar titles. Here he provides a quick history of landscape design in Europe and the United States from the late Middle Ages to the post-World War II period. For each era he describes important gardens that reflected the prevailing fashion, illustrated with contemporary depictions and photographs of modern reconstructions. He explains how to incorporate design elements from each period in small urban or suburban settings. Garden plans suggest appropriate plants, garden structures, pavings, etc., for a wide variety of formal and informal designs, including several from American history. A similar book is Elizabeth Banks's *Creating Period Gardens* (Preservation Pr., 1991), but Strong's garden plans make his the preferable title for general gardening collections.- Beth Clewis, Prince William P.L., Va. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.