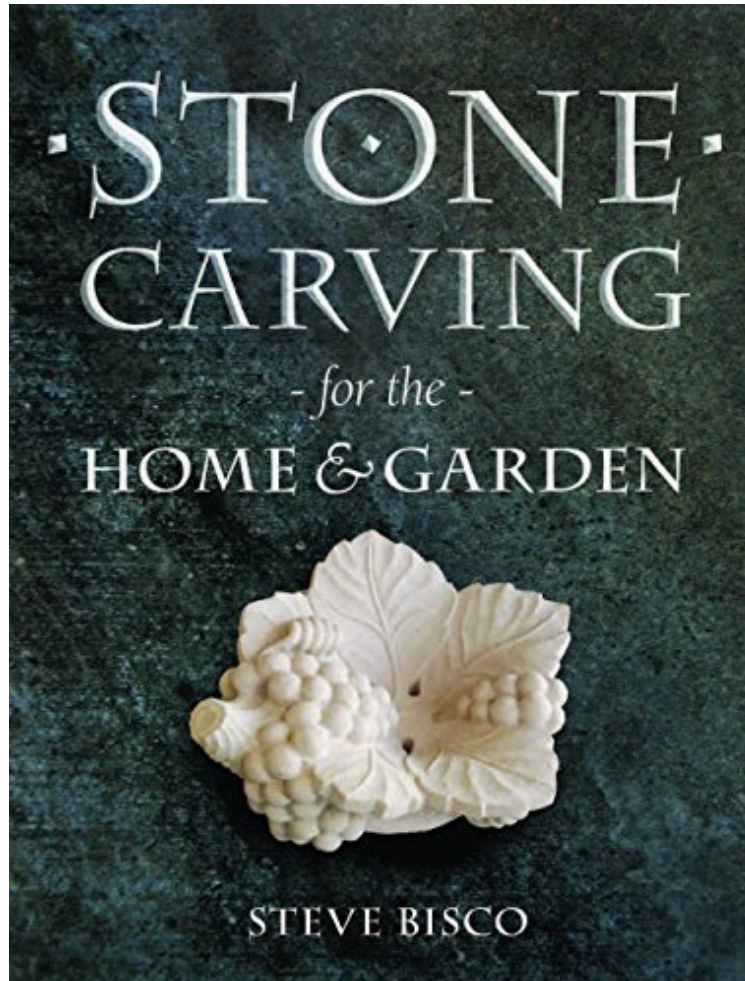


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and equipment. Based mainly on the period styles of carving found in historic buildings and ancient ruins, the projects are a mix of decorative and sculptural objects on a practical and manageable scale that can be easily displayed in the home or garden. Each project is presented in a clear step-by-step format and includes some historical context for the style of the piece along with a handy pattern to trace and scale to size. An introductory section includes comprehensive information on stone-carving tools, different types of stone, how to handle stone, the basics of stone carving and information on periods and styles of carving.

About the Author Steve Bisco has been carving as a hobby for 25 years first with wood and recently progressing to stone. He is a regular contributor to Woodcarving magazine, specializing in carving in period styles. He is inspired by a love of historic buildings and aims to capture the spirit of a period in pieces for display in the home. Having visited most of the stately homes and palaces of Britain, as well as many in Europe and New England, his mission is to make period decorative carving accessible to the average hobby carver. Steve lives in the Roman town of Colchester in the east of England.