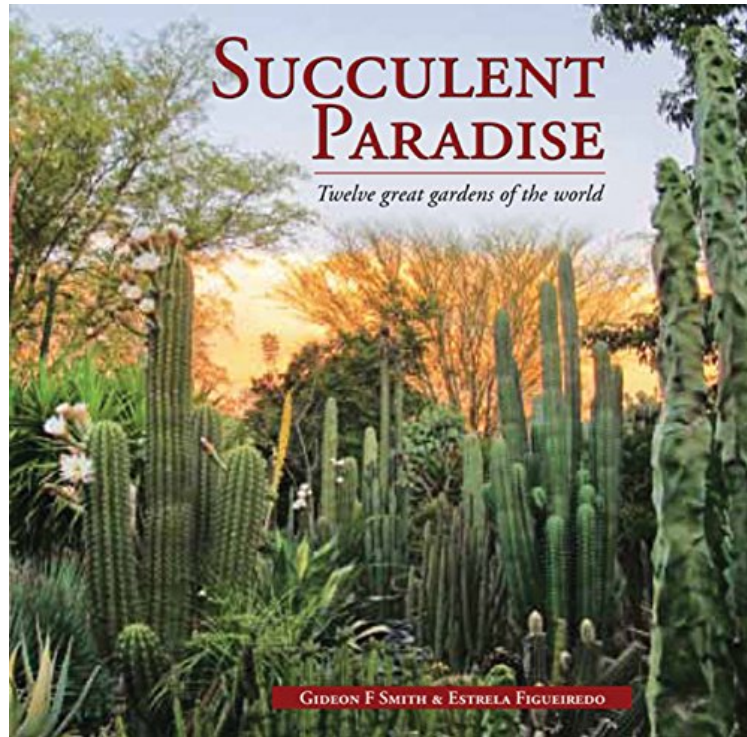


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6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. No actual gardens By P Thomas I thought it would have glorious pictures of actual gardens - but only pictures of plants and plants are repeated which is a waste of space.

Most botanical gardens include succulents in their collections; few are devoted solely to them. In *Succulent Paradise*, the reader is taken on a verbal and visual tour of 12 exceptional succulent gardens. See how a handful of landscaping and horticultural visionaries have juxtaposed indigenous and exotic plants with a blend of natural and created landscaping elements. Experience the impact and style of gardens in locations as diverse as steeply terraced Mediterranean cliffs, dusty Karoo plains, Mexico City's metropolis, California's canyons, and the red desert of Arizona. The authors have visited gardens around the world dedicated to the display, cultivation and propagation of succulent plants. In *Succulent Paradise*, they have expressed their love of these tenacious, yet surprisingly glamorous, plants as well as appreciation for those whose vision and persistence has created abundance, promoted conservation, and left a legacy for future generations. This book features 12 of the world's top succulent gardens on three continents (Africa, Europe, Americas). Stunning photography captures the spirit of each garden. Accurate species identification makes this more than just another gardening book. South Africa: Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden, Worcester,

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