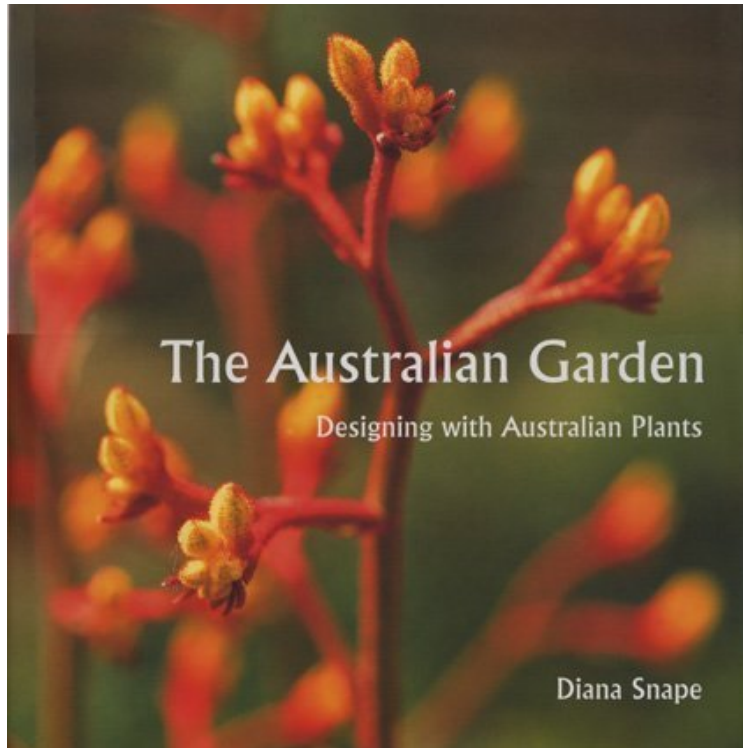


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A study in Australian garden design using native plants to blend and conserve the countryside and encourage wildlife, this is a visual feast of planting ideas from down under. Stunning photography and intelligent writing by author Diana

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