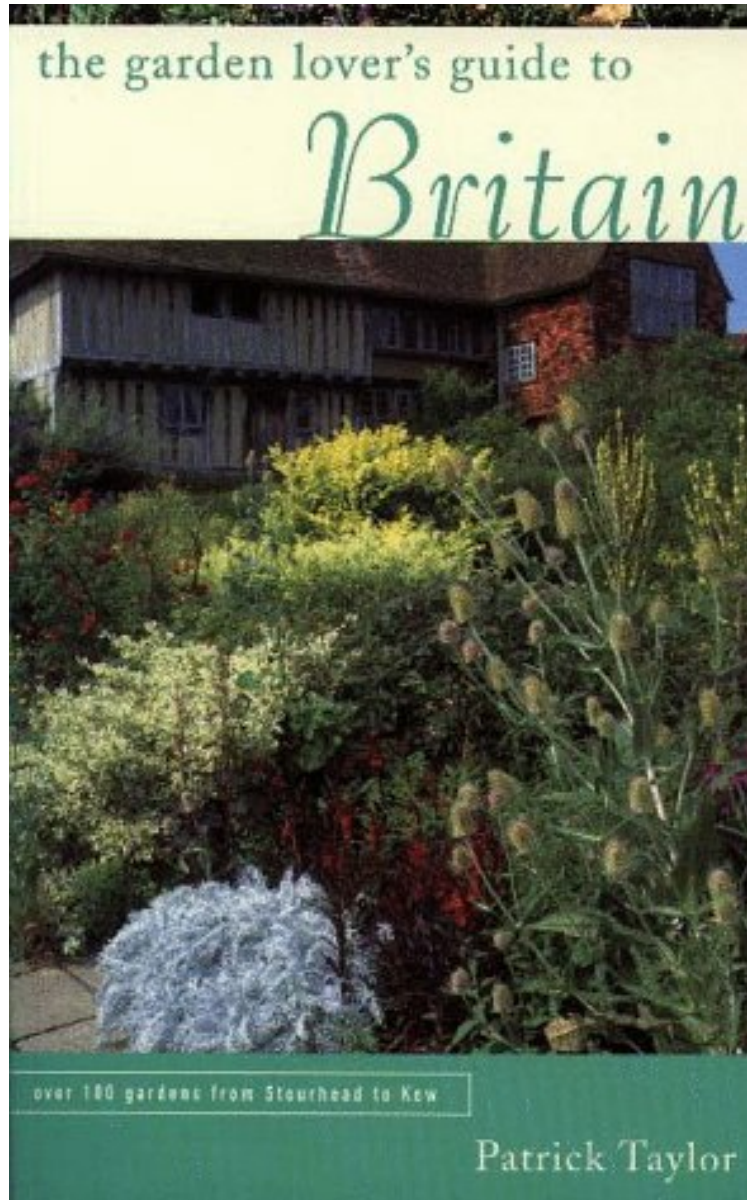


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.com There are thousands of British gardens open to the public. Of these, Patrick Taylor has chosen the most distinctive 100, selected for beauty, pleasure, and British horticultural tradition. The great traditional gardens of Hidcote and Stourhead are included, as are a variety of lesser-known but mesmerizingly lovely spots throughout Britain. Even in the southwest, the climates vary significantly. Tresco Abby on the Isles of Scilly (accessible by ferry or helicopter from Penzance), for example, has a most impressive collection of subtropical plants. Agaves, yuccas and aeoniums line the rocky hills of this garden planted by Augustus Smith in 1834 on Tresco's sunny slopes. Behind windbreaks of Monterey Pine, palms sway and luxuriant exotics thrive. Then there's the landscape park at Stourhead, still in the southwest but light-years apart in climate and style. Dating back to 1741, these 40 acres of garden are an icon of 18th century English landscape style, with classical structures like the Temple of Apollo, the domed and pillared Pantheon, and numerous statues situated among magnificent trees, a lake, and grassy banks. There are brilliant Japanese maples in Gloucestershire's Westonbirt, fabulous topiary and yew hedges in the garden at Plas Brondanw, Wales, a noble example of formal gardens at York's Castle Howard, and great undulating beds of peonies, Himalayan poppies, and pink rhododendron to be seen in Scotland's Branklyn Garden. All in all, Taylor's guide to British gardens provides a quality reference for garden connoisseurs and a beautiful way to get to know Britain for travelers and horticultural novices. --Stephanie Gold "A new series of richly illustrated garden tour books can be your ticket to seeing the best of Europe's horticultural legacy. Each of The Garden Lovers Guides explores more than 100 of that country's most beautiful gardens, all open to the public. Written by top international gardening experts like Penelope Hobhouse and Patrick Taylor, these guidebooks stress history and national identity as the keys to understanding the very different characteristics of each country's gardens. Vestiges of Roman times can still be seen in Italian gardens, and in Germany, many splendid gardens in the east have just been opened to a wider audience in the last few years. The maps make garden touring easy to organize." -- HemisphereAbout the AuthorPatrick Taylor is a writer and lecturer on gardens, with a particular interest in garden history and design, whose books include Planning in Patterns, The 500 Best Garden Plants , and Gardening with Roses.