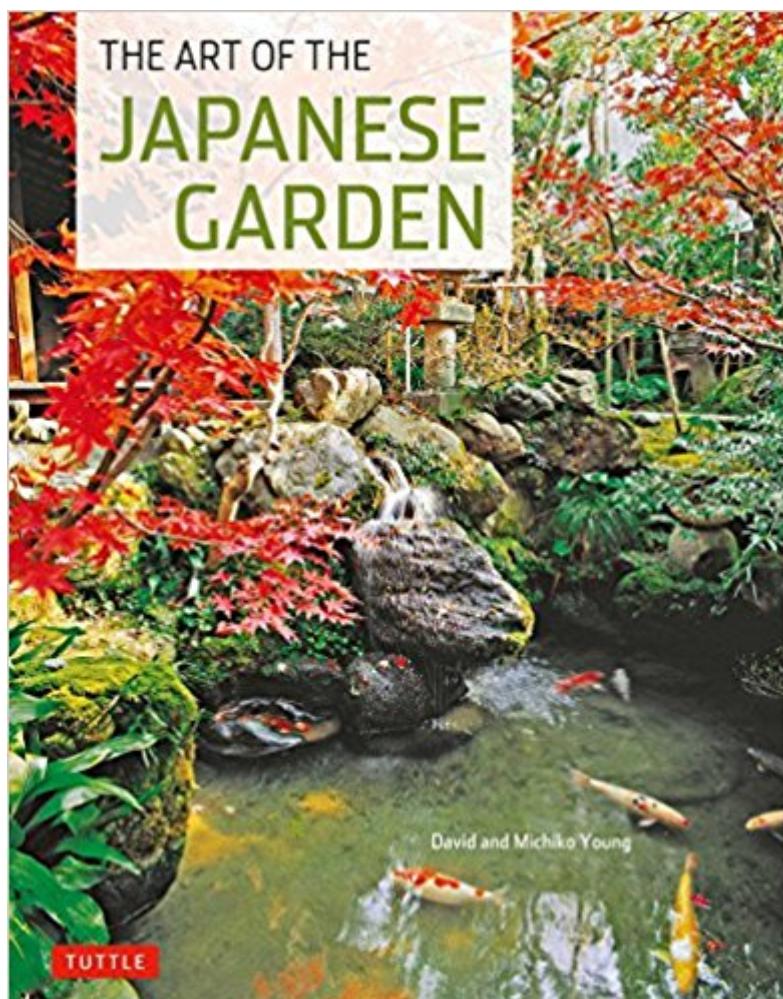


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# The Art Of The Japanese Garden



## **Synopsis**

\*\*Winner of the 2006 American Horticultural Society Book Award\*\*The Art of the Japanese Garden is the only historical overview of Japanese gardens that covers Japanese gardening culture in one beautiful book. Japanese gardens are rooted in two traditions: an indigenous prehistoric tradition in which patches of graveled forest or pebbled beach were dedicated to nature spirits, and a tradition from China and Korea that included elements such as ponds, streams, waterfalls, rock compositions and a variety of vegetation. The Art of the Japanese Garden traces the development and blending of these two traditions, as well as the inclusion of new features as gardening reached new heights of sophistication on Japanese soil. 300 full-color Japanese garden illustrations and photographs highlight notable gardens in Japan, including graveled courtyards, early aristocratic gardens, esoteric and paradise gardens, Zen gardens, warrior gardens, tea gardens and stroll gardens. Also included are sections on modern trends and Japanese gardens in other countries.

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I ordered this book somewhat "blind" without having seen it in a bookstore, etc. When it arrived, I must say that I was thrilled with the quality of the text, photos and other illustrations. The book thoroughly covers the basic history, principles and aesthetics of Japanese Gardens. Then it takes an in-depth look at some of the finest gardens of each type found in Japan. Highly recommended.

As a Volunteer Guide at our Portland Japanese Garden (one of the very best in North America), I've

collected a number of Garden books. This book is my favorite. It is nicely illustrated with pictures, drawings, maps and diagrams. The narrative concerning Garden history, styles and design principles is clear, and concise. Many of the prominent Gardens in Japan are featured. It covers both classical and more modern styles of Gardens. If you get one book on Japanese Gardens, make it this one.

This is the best book for Japanese Gardens. It was the first one I added to my collection and I am glad I did. The pictures are amazing and the information is very complete.

This book is so beautiful that could be a nice present to anybody. First impression: cover with a matte finish gives a pleasant feeling and you'll enjoy to keep this book in your hands. The quality of the pictures is excellent. They are bright and with the good contrast. I like that in addition to the pictures there are a lot of graphical layouts and maps that help to understand the text. You will find description of all the styles of the Japanese gardens, their basic elements and principles. I also liked historical overviews. English is not my native language but the text is clear and easy to read. As a person who worked in the printing house, I should say that this is a very beautiful and high quality edition that was done carefully and with love. Victoria Lando, Finland

Nice historical and informative book about different techniques in Japanese Gardening but lacks in the element of application. I would still purchase it because it has many beautiful photos!

Gorgeous, informative. Perhaps a bit difficult to put into practical application.

I've taken bits and pieces of the different ideas for gardens to incorporate into mine. Very peaceful to just look at and dream.

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