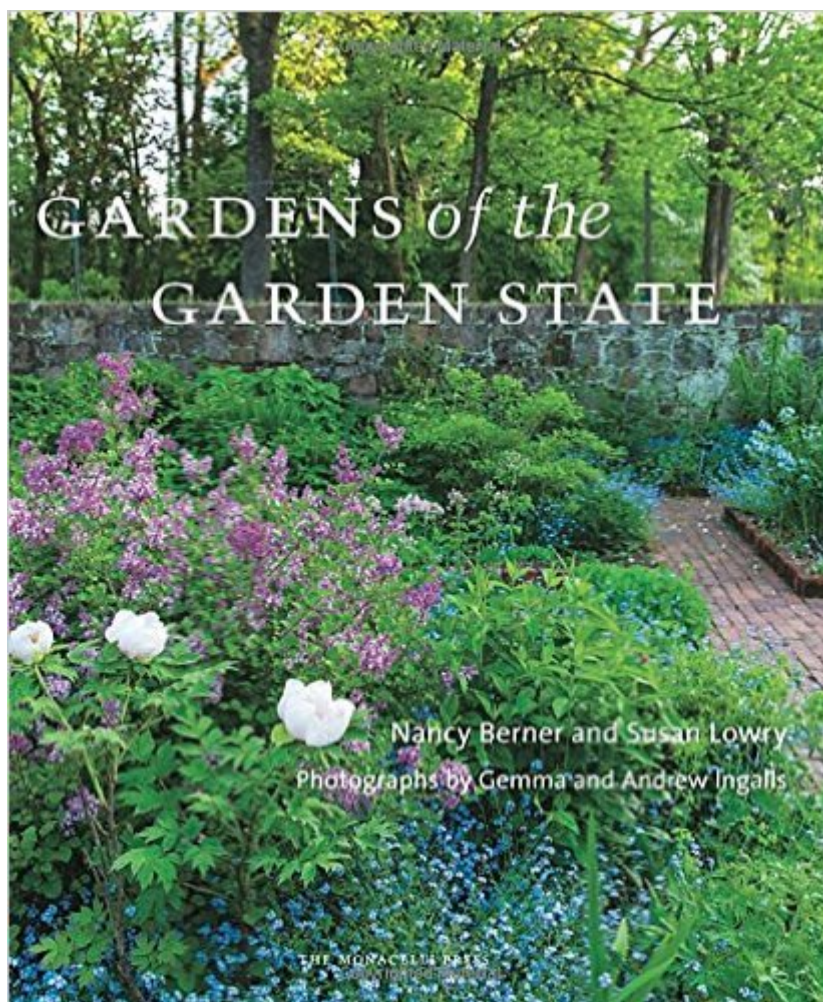


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# Gardens Of The Garden State



## Synopsis

A glorious photographic tour of the public and private gardens of New Jerseyâfrom historic formal gardens of former estates, to suburb gardens, horticulturistsâ havens, and fresh takes on front yards. Â The most densely populated state in the nation and one of the original thirteen, home to the largest public iris garden in the country, and the glacier-swept endpoint of the last Ice Ageâfor Nancy Berner and Susan Lowry, who look to gardens as an entry to the history and culture of a region, New Jersey presents an array of surprising diversity. Its temperate climate makes it possible to grow a wide range of plants, while its complex topographyâranging from mountains to rolling hills and flat basins, the scrubby Pine Barrens and the rich Coastal Plainâdemands innovative approaches to design. Â The twenty-eight selected gardensâfrom Skylands, with its specimen trees, woodland and rock gardens, and lilac collection close to the New York border, to the elegant formal gardens of Short Hills, Bernardsville, and Oldwick, to a wildlife garden filled with frogs and butterflies and a lighthouse garden near Cape Mayâillustrate the ways in which New Jerseyâs long garden traditions are upheld to this day. Gemma and Andrew Ingallsâ stunning photographs bring out the manifold ways in which a garden might speak to us in its ownerâs or designerâs voice, expressing a particular point of view.

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One of the best gardening coffee table books out there. The gardens themselves are a wonderful (and well-kept) surprise, and the photographs capture much of their multi-seasonal delight. It is

particularly worth noting how interesting and well-written the text of this book is: it would be worth reading about New Jersey geography and how it affects the various kinds of plantings which can be used even without the photographs. A great gift: those to whom I have given it have already ordered copies for other gardening friends!

The gardens in this book come alive as you look at the photographs and read the descriptions of each garden. This book is directed at a broad audience. Serious gardeners will savor examples of unusual plants and intricate, well known gardens, while the casual gardener will happily enjoy the special scenery and gorgeous flowers. This is the second book by these authors that I have enjoyed. I used their previous book as a "guidebook" to visit the Hudson Valley with a group of friends who love to garden. Now we have an entirely new venue for another tour! I am delighted with Nancy Berner and Susan Lowry's new book, and I cannot wait for their next book.

This beautifully photographed and well-researched book is more than just another flip-through coffee table tome. The well-known garden writing team of Berner and Lowry has made a personal selection of twenty-nine of the finest and most interesting gardens of New Jersey, a state too many associate with industrial wasteland despite the motto on its license plate. With a wealth of horticultural knowledge and great sensitivity to landscape design, the authors present a wide range of gardens, from storied estates like Skylands that are open to the public, to private gardens that have never before appeared in print. The authors' pleasure in encountering new and unusual plant specimens infuses the excellent text, and the hundreds of color photographs will inspire any gardener.

This is a beautiful garden book of public and private gardens in New Jersey. It is both a "coffee table" book, with beautiful photographs, and a reference with useful plant descriptions and garden history. A great book for garden lovers, particularly in the Eastern US.

A fantastic addition to any library, whether you live on the East Coast or not. A beautiful compendium of photographs of private and public gardens accompanied by well written and informative descriptions of plants, places, and garden history. Who knew New Jersey held such splendors? A perfect holiday gift for anyone who loves beautiful things. Highly recommended!

This really is a well researched book on the gardens of NJ. Excellent photography and text. Well

worth purchasing!!!!!!

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