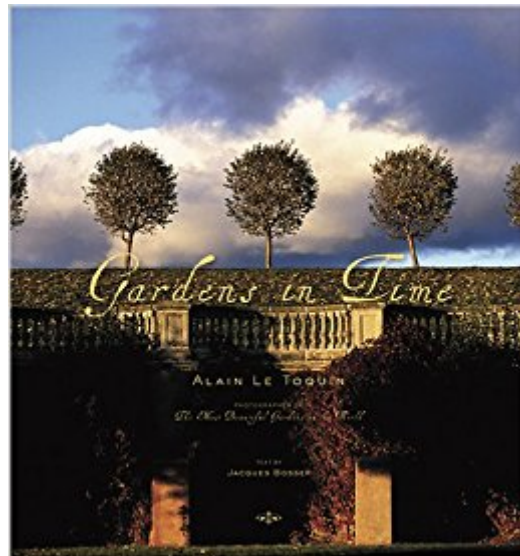


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# Gardens In Time



## Synopsis

Ambitious in scope and a wonder to examine, *Gardens in Time* captures two millennia of garden history between its covers. The follow-up to world-renowned photographer Alain Le Toquin's successful *The Most Beautiful Gardens in the World*, *Gardens in Time* contains lush and glorious photographs of the nearly 130 gardens that Le Toquin explored across 20 countries; the most comprehensive garden photo documentary ever undertaken by a single photographer. From the Roman gardens at Hadrian's villa to the modern work of landscape gardeners like Fernando Caruncho, the Wirtzes, and Robert Irwin, historical and contemporary gardens are showcased. All are complemented by Jacques Bosser's informative text, which reveals the evolutions, transformations, influences, and trends that characterize these beautiful landscapes, putting into context their aesthetic appeal, both then and now.

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If you are a garden lover, you should definitely buy and treasure this book! If you are like me, you think about the legendary rulers of the past and imagine that they must have had gardens that far surpass what we know today. But if you stop for a minute, you'll realize that those rulers didn't have modern machinery to take care of their gardens. Also tastes may have been different then. So what did gardens look like in earlier eras? *Gardens in Time* will provide some of the best answers you can hope to find. Your tour begins with Persia, moves on to Islamic gardens, and then travels to China, Japan, and India. From there, you visit the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages in Europe, the

Renaissance, the Baroque, the Rococo, and ultimately England. The tour concludes with a brief look at contemporary gardens. To me, one of the big surprises is how many different elements the older gardens captured: stunning views, water, reflections, fountains, water lilies, fish, rocks, paths, geometric order, trees, hedges, mosaics, sculpture, architecture, enclosures, mixtures of shade and sun, and oh, yes, an occasional flower. I was also impressed by the intimacy of some gardens . . . obviously providing respite and calm. There was also remarkable restraint in some cases, showing that taste has long been important to garden designers and owners. Naturally, one of the book's limitations is that many famous gardens (such as the hanging gardens of Babylon) no longer exist. I was impressed by how many gardens have survived for many centuries and are well preserved in the book.

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