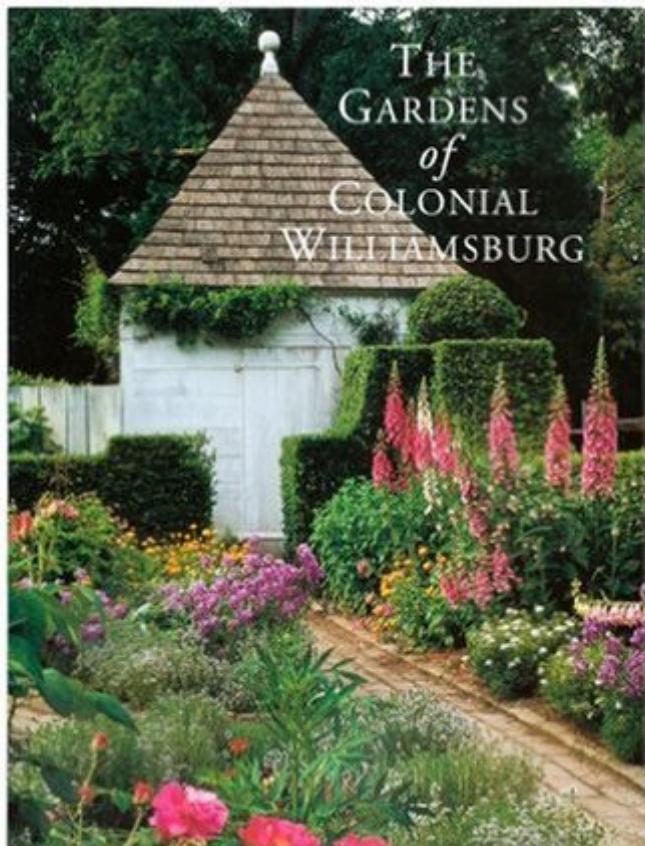


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# The Gardens Of Colonial Williamsburg



## Synopsis

The authors present the history of gardening on twenty Colonial Williamsburg sites, focusing on the eighteenth-century gardeners who planted them and the documentary and archaeological research that guided each garden's re-creation. Detailed plans and captivating photographs identify the plantings and show modern gardeners ways to enjoy the beauty of colonial gardens in their own yards

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## Customer Reviews

The Gardens of Colonial Williamsburg is a most inspiring and beautiful book covering the four seasons in Colonial Williamsburg. This book covers not only the history of twenty gardens in the historic district, but who these eighteenth century gardeners were. The archaeological research provides a detailed look at each of the gardens, giving layout plans and detailed list of all the plants used. With the addition of beautiful color photography, this book will provide all gardeners with a source to re-create an eighteenth century garden.

Very helpful book which reproduces a number of the gardens in CW and gives a schematic as well as the names, both common and scientific/biological?. The pictures are gorgeous. If you want to achieve the look of a colonial style garden, this is for you.

Having missed the garden tour this spring, I bought this book as a substitute and was not disappointed. It is a beautiful book composed of heavy paper and wonderful colored photos. The

variety of garden plans and the detailed names and descriptions of plantings provide inspiration for any gardener interested in classic American style. I'm sure that I will turn to this book again and again as a preview or follow-up to my trips to Williamsburg.

This is a great book of gardens. When we lived in Virginia, we visited Williamsburg at least once a month and saw these gardens in person as they changed with the seasons. For anyone interested in gardens be it in your back yard or an armchair gardener, this book is it! Now that we live in another state, we occassionally make it out to Williamsburg to enjoy these old haunts again. This book certainly preserves our fond memories of this beautiful colonial town.

This went beyond my expectation, the detail of garden types and plant material was wonderful and somewhat surprising! I am a Gardener and President of our local Garden Club, and writer of a monthly garden column. The pictures were gorgeous and gives any would be or seasoned garden ideas of layout and different looks of plant material together. I would say this would be a constant joy to read and reread as a reference garden book that gives you wonderful designs for the lay out of cutting beds,or vegetable and decorative beds. I will go back to purchase on for my library, since the one I got was a gift.

As other reviewers noted, this book does have beautiful pictures but I felt it is lacking in historical information. They mention digging and finding brick pathways, building foundations, etc but there are almost no pictures of the digging and discovery. They mention different patterns found in the brick pathways in specific gardens but don't show pictures of the original patterns. Many gardens are not currently growing as they did in colonial times but they are presented as historical. I did like seeing the layout of each gareden showing current plantings and building locations and the brief history was interesting but lacking the detail I expected. If you are looking for a pretty coffee table book with some basic flower/shrub/tree information this would be a great book for you. If you, like me, are wanting historical detail keep looking.

This book is very helpful for those wanting gardening ideas and layouts as it has several diagrams as is much illustrated with many pictures and drawings. I found it very informative on the history of various houses and gardens in the town as well as giving me ideas for remaking my garden at home.

If you want a Williamsburg garden - this is the book for you. Beautiful photographs and detailed plans for laying out each of the gardens shown. I bought the book for a client who is planning a Williamsburg garden and he loved it.

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