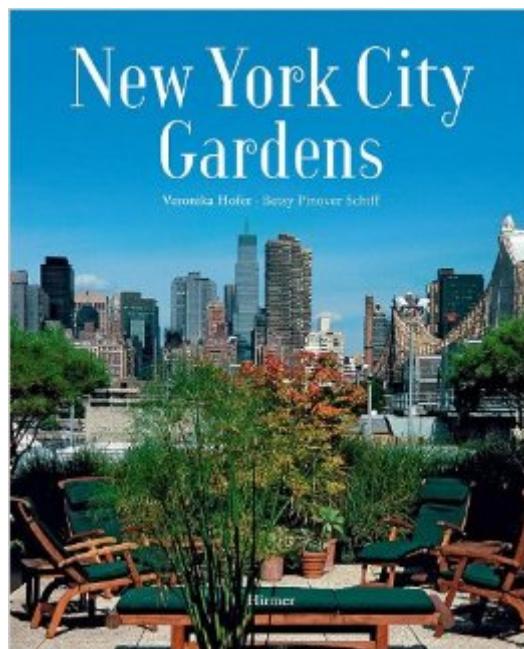


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New York City Gardens



Synopsis

New York may be most easily recognized by its trademark skyscrapers and brick tenement buildings, but the truth is that the city is actually teeming with luxurious roof gardens and private courtyard oases. Creative gardeners and architects have risen to meet the unique challenges of the urban landscape, designing spaces that celebrate the city while providing a restful escape. New York City Gardens presents New York's evolving tradition of garden culture through images and discussions of thirty of its most outstanding gardens, from world-famous botanical gardens to richly re-cultivated public urban spaces, luxurious penthouse terraces, and innovative art gardens without soil or plants. Many of the gardens are set against vistas of the quintessential New York "Central Park, the Empire State Building, skyscrapers of Midtown, and the sensational skyline of Lower Manhattan. Other gardens reveal surprising and exotic intimate retreats from the bustle of the city. While most were designed by noted landscape architects, including Dan Kiley, Hideo Sasaki, Ken Smith, and Halsted Wells, many others were created over decades by talented homeowners themselves. As more and more city dwellers in New York and beyond look to cultivate their own kitchen and container gardens and individual outdoor sanctuaries, this book provides hundreds of inspiring images as well as historical background and insight into the practical and imaginative solutions of city garden designers.

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What a feast for the eyes, and oasis for the mind, is this lush depiction of what gardeners,

designers, architects and nature itself have done to enhance some of the spaces-- both public and private-- of this great but turbulent and formidable city. New York can seem a cold and steely place, but when all that concrete and glass and, yes, steel, are juxtaposed to the imaginative and aesthetically exciting gardens that are adjacent to, or even a part of, the imposing structures, the result is a kind of revelation. For the gardens are beautiful and many of the buildings striking, but it turns out that they need each other in order to be their best selves. It has never seemed more true that New York is a city of contrasts. And the lavish, lovingly photographed settings, along with a most interesting text on the history and planning of so many of New York's most beautiful spaces, make for a deeply satisfying experience with a book. The most jaded New Yorker, as well as the wide-eyed out-of-towner, could draw sustenance from this splendid effort.

New York City Gardens is a perfect book to take you on a fabulous vicarious voyage into wondrous gardens that you probably never new existed in this complex city. Even if you think you have seen some of them before -- certainly not this way through the creative lens of Betsy Pinover Schiff. Enjoy the trip!

The photographs in this handsome publication capture the sophistication and charm created by NYC's juxtaposition of gardens and concrete. The photographer's use of light and color bring the viewer into the beauty and tranquility of these glorious spaces.

New York City Gardens is a perfect book for the pleasure of the eyes. The pictures are just splendid. This time, I had as much pleasure to read the text, the author knows so well what she is writing about and I learned so much.

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