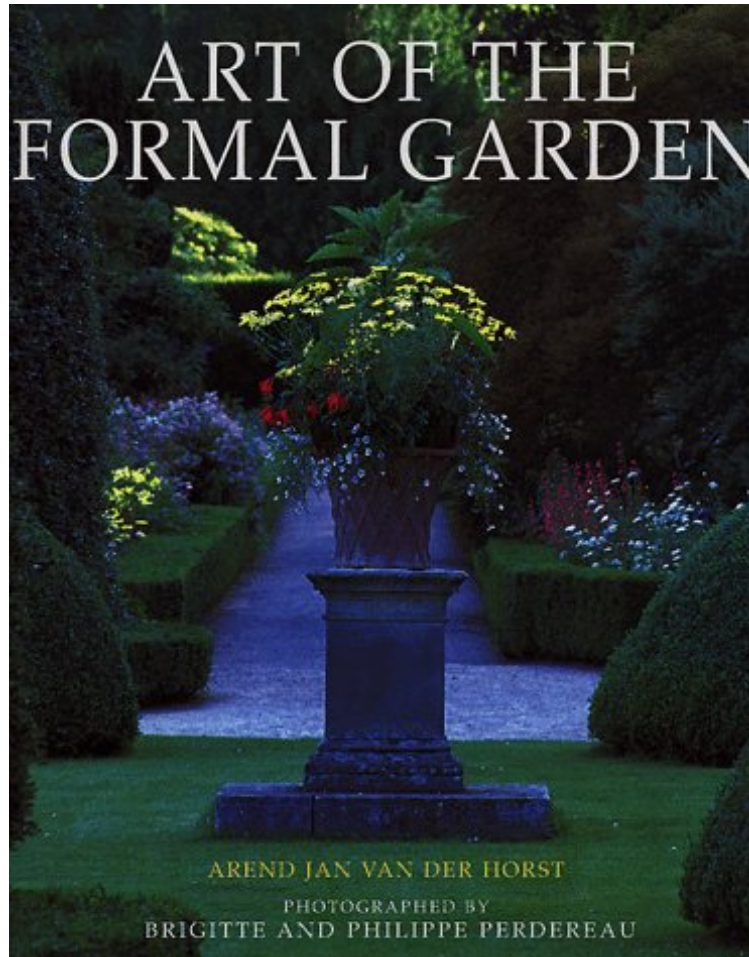


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Arend Jan Van Der Horst : Art of the Formal Garden before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Art of the Formal Garden:

Rediscover the romantic grace of symmetry with this delightful peek into resplendent gardens throughout Europe. Breathtaking, full-color photos draw you in with their magical tranquility. Hedges, herbaceous borders, water, arches and pergolas, avenues, paths, and entrances, mosaics, and much more are shown in all their splendid glory. Enchant visitors with a simple topiary maze, or add a peaceful pond complete with lily pads.

From Booklist The author points out that what he calls "imaginative symmetry" formed the basis of garden design for many centuries. He explains how today's gardeners can use this style to plan their own formal gardens--symmetry in hedges and herbaceous borders, water in a symmetrical garden, and its use in arches, pergolas, statuary, vases, and

pots. Van Der Horst also discusses the uses of paths, entrances, box hedges, topiary, mosaics and patterns, steps, and terraces in creating these gardens, as well as the role of summerhouses, wells, fountains, walls, trellises, and niches. He gives examples of symmetry in the kitchen garden and the combined flower and vegetable garden. Lavishly illustrated in color, the book includes photographs from famous gardens such as the Priory in Gloucestershire, England, Claude Monet's garden in Giverny, and the Gertrude Jekyll[^]-designed garden of Barrington Court in Somerset, England. There are detailed plans of 12 gardens designed by the author, but an extensive plot of ground would be needed to duplicate any of them. George Cohen