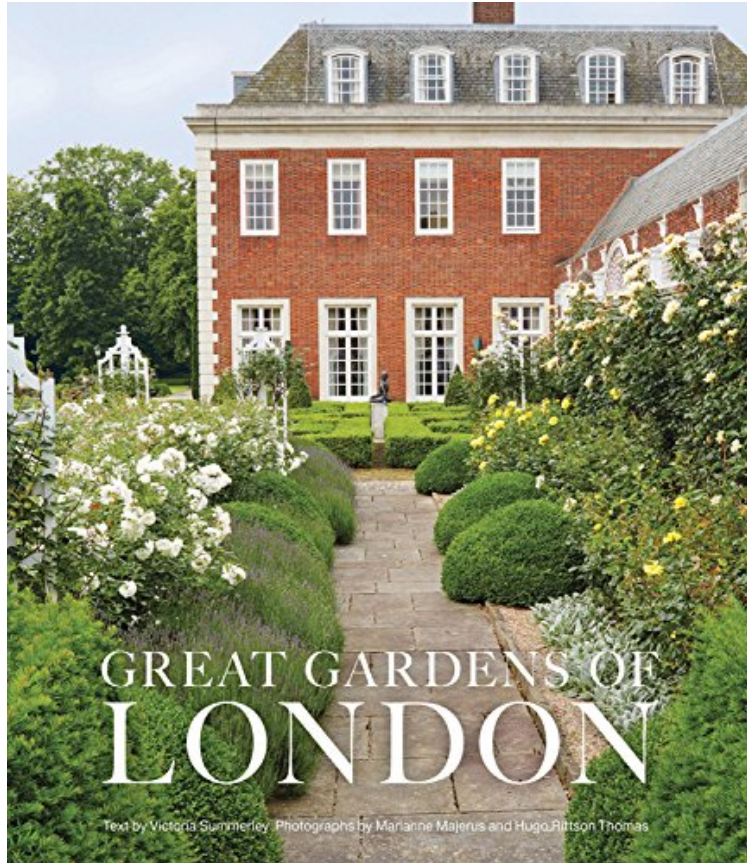


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...this substantial book is laden with photographs, but where it excels is in the authors skill at weaving together history, horticulture and a disparate array of interesting facts. ...the reader is led on a journey which has gardens at its heart, but actually offers more.