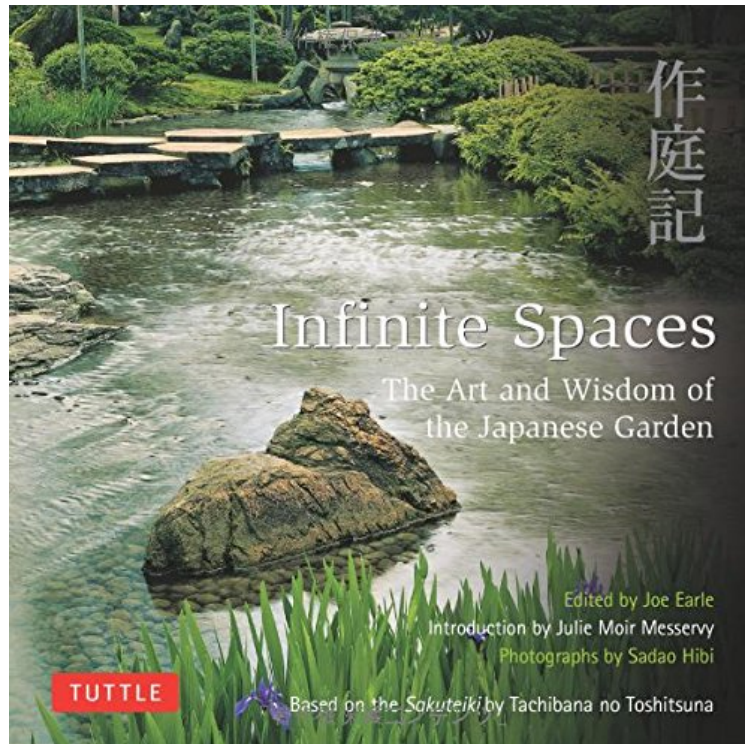


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good on concepts, beautiful, but little concrete inspiration or instruction for a home gardener  
By Gen of North Coast Gardening  
I own a number of Japanese Gardening books, since I'm a landscape designer, and this is one that really helped me understand the macro concepts involved in Japanese Garden Design. The book is basically a series of well-thought-out and well-chosen quotes about Japanese Gardening, the philosophy, and how to do it, interspersed with gorgeous color photos of large-scale Japanese Gardens. I love the layout of the book and the way you can read and digest the book over a few days without getting bogged down in excess detail or too much text. The photos accompany the text well. It's not my favorite book on Japanese Gardening (get Serene Gardens for that) just because the photos are of such large gardens. I design home gardens, not giant estates, so while I could be inspired by the general concepts, there weren't concrete ideas I could take from it - few pathways, gates, fences, privacy screens, small-space plantings, etc. If you want to learn the philosophy behind Japanese Gardening in a fun and easy way while getting inspired by gorgeous photos, then this is a great book. If

you're looking for concrete instruction or photographs that you can pull ideas from for your home garden, look elsewhere. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The photos are nice, but nothing special. By J. Harris The photos are nice, but nothing special, and the quotes from Sakuteiki are all taken out of context and printed in large text, one or two quotes for each (often unrelated) photograph, in a sort of Hallmark card style. There are many better books to choose from, but if you collect books on Japanese gardening, this one may be of interest simply due to its odd format. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Zen is in. By Debra King This was part of a Christmas gift for my 78 year old mother who suffers anxiety. After Christmas dinner she sat down to glance through the book, and stated that she already felt calmer. Now she looks through it each night before bed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Based on classical Japanese writings, this Zen gardening book is full of insightful commentary and lush photographs. Japanese gardens have long been admired for their capacity to improve on nature through impeccable design, detail, and composition: properties that elevate them from mere gardens to sacred spaces. The Sakuteiki, literally "notes on garden design," by the eleventh-century courtier and poet Tachibana no Toshitsuna laid out the original principles that shaped the design of these gardens. A distillation of centuries of garden design, the Sakuteiki remains a vital influence for garden makers in Japan today. Infinite Spaces pairs extracts from the Sakuteiki with inspiring images that beautifully illustrate the principles of this ancient work. Sadao Hibi's superb photographs capture some of Japan's best-known gardens from austere compositions in stone and gravel to richly planted landscapes. The photographs express the extraordinary beauty and diversity of one of the world's most ancient and revered styles of gardening. Discover a treasure trove of practical advice and philosophical insight on building and maintaining pools, lakes, and streams; arranging stones for the most natural and harmonious effect; and designing water features and placing stones to welcome auspicious deities while excluding malevolent influences. Japanese gardening topics include: Principles of Garden Design Pools and Lakes Waterfalls Streams Trees and Mounds Good and Evil Stones This timeless visual artistry of the gardens and the specific design techniques will inspire you to create magnificent garden sanctuaries in your own backyard.

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