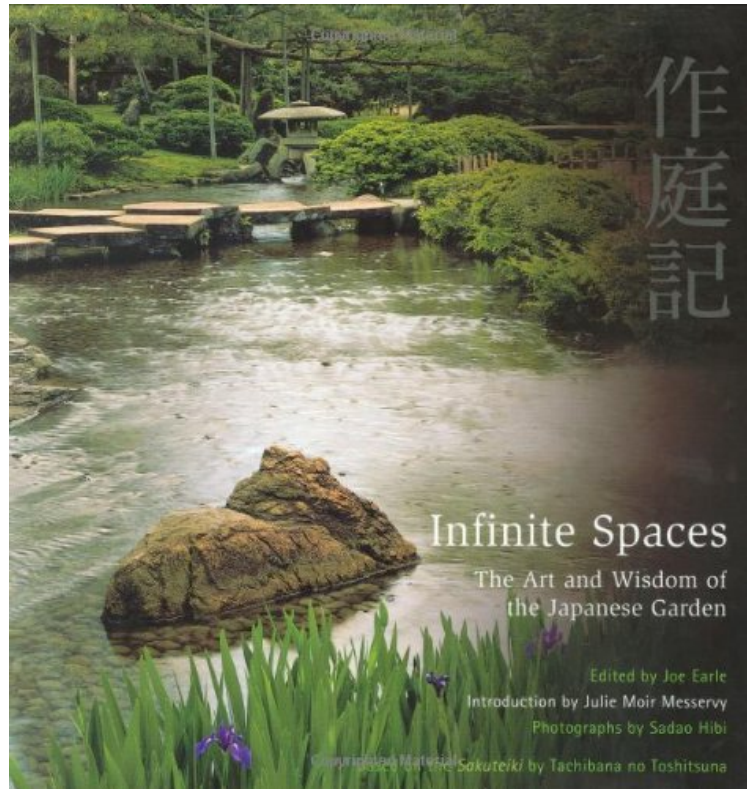


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By Gen of North Coast Gardening
I own a number of Japanese Gardening books, since I'm a landscape designer, and this is one that really helped me understand the macro concepts involved in Japanese Garden Design. The book is basically a series of well-thought-out 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.
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By J. Harris

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.

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. Infinite Spaces is a remarkable reflection of the Japanese garden, drawing on extracts from the Sakuteiki-an eleventh-century text that distills centuries of garden design-and pairing them with inspiring images from Sadao Hibi, one of Japan's best-known photographers. Praise for the hardcover edition: "Pairs quotations from an ancient writing, the Sakuteiki, on garden design with exquisite photos that illuminate the words. This book should leave a gardener serene, refreshed and inspired-in other words, in the right frame of mind to contemplate another growing season." -Knight Ridder Newspapers

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