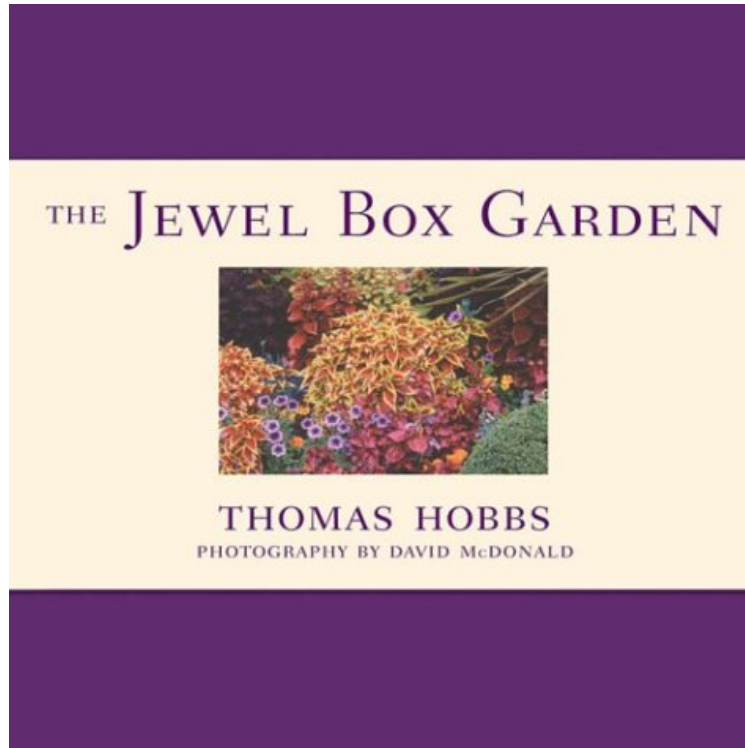


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Thomas Hobbs : Jewel Box Garden before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jewel Box Garden:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. not a gardening book
By M. P. Connolley Beautiful picture, but really nothing you can use in a normal garden, should have read others reviews just a coffee table book is what it is.
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By Gigi This book is exquisite! I have had a copy for several years and have given many as presents over the years. The pictures are fabulous. It has so many ideas you can use in your own garden or patio. Jewel Box is the perfect name for this book. I would rate it more than 5 stars if I could.
6 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Changed my garden forever
By Bayside Hobbs made me realize why I saw so many gardens that I didn't appreciate, be they well tended, stocked with plants, and groomed to perfection. Such gardens were bursting with blooms or stuffed with woody or bushy growth but again and again I left them thinking they were all the same and the unsatisfied feeling they gave left me empty and wanting something different that I couldn't explain. I was unable to put into words why I felt that way. Suddenly, the answer came in Hobbs books. His exquisitely photographed book clarified what I'd been feeling about the sameness and lack of imagination in these gardens. I had an revelation about gardening after reading Shocking Beauty and immediately bought Jewel Box Garden. I couldn't believe he could write another book that was as good as his first but he did. In fact, it will take your breath away. I've read both books until they are dog eared, given several copies as gifts, and am completely tearing apart and redoing my garden because of them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could describe your garden as a jewel box full of beautiful plant treasures? In this sequel to the bestselling *Shocking Beauty*, garden impresario Thomas Hobbs shows you how. *The Jewel Box Garden* is a luscious, full-color book that features 160 new and startling photos by renowned garden photographer David McDonald. Hobbs explains his philosophy of gardening and life, or as he puts it, "Life As We Dream It Could Be." In his own provocative and highly original way, he encourages gardeners to tap into their creativity and invest their heart and soul in creating oases of beauty-intimate spaces where they can escape the pressures of modern life.

From Booklist Hobbs, Southlands Nursery owner and plantsman extraordinaire, reigns over Vancouver's horticultural scene and exerts an indubitable presence throughout the Pacific Northwest and points beyond. His passion for daringly vibrant plant pairings blazed brightly in his first book, *Shocking Beauty* (1999). Now, in a brilliantly produced and gorgeously illustrated new tome, Hobbs holds forth on myriad ideas about garden design. From ornamentation and hardscaping to maximizing small spaces and issues of scale, Hobbs integrates practical observations and advice into an inspirational nexus, laying claim, in effect, to the role of a piper, calling upon gardeners to follow their dreams and tap into creative urges. Along with a message to dream big, green thumbs are encouraged to key in to their beloved plants to glean cultivation requirements; develop a discerning eye; learn about color; and revere any and all elements that form a unique statement of one's personal aesthetic. Vignettes showing Hobbs' spectacular house and its surrounding landscape exemplify a resonant philosophy that transcends gardening to encompass a talent for living life to its fullest. Alice Joyce Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved The shots of blushing leaves and dewy tendrils are as sensually over-the-top as the prose urging intimate involvement... -- Peter Goddard, *Helping Inspiration Take Root*, *Glimpses of Eden in Gardening Books*, Toronto Star, 5-22-2004 it gets my vote for the most beautiful garden book of the year -- Valerie Easton, *Pacific Northwest Magazine* From the Publisher With provocative and highly original ideas and stunning photography, this book encourages gardeners to tap into their creativity and invest their heart and soul in creating oases of beauty intimate spaces where they can escape the pressures of modern life.