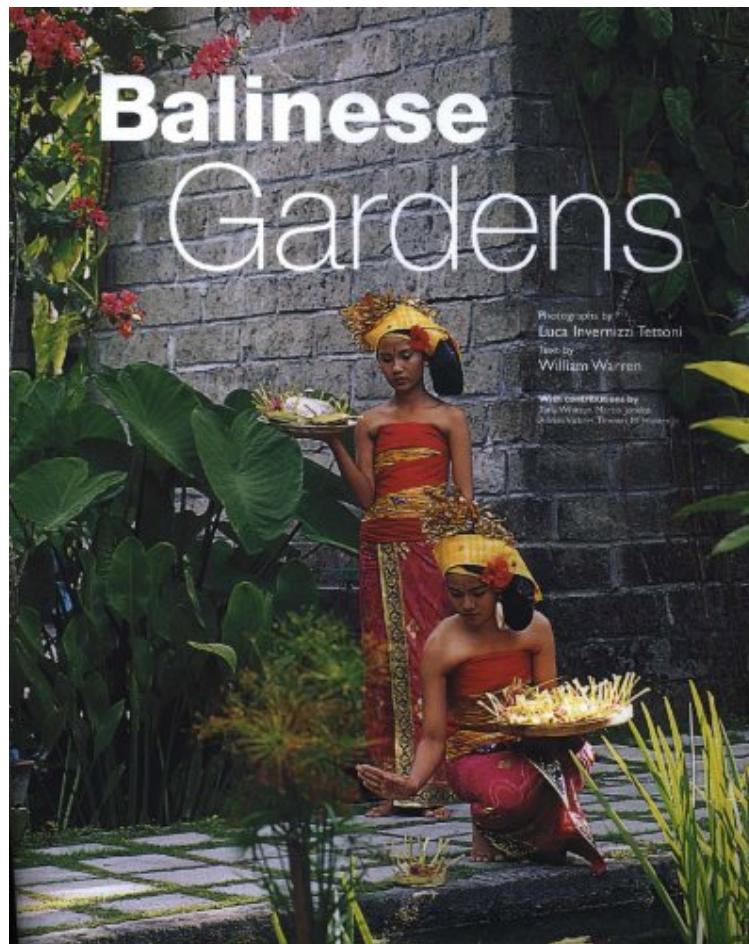


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23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Not the Best Available Flaws Due Mostly to Design / Editing By Renee Thorpe There are some very nice glossy photos in here, but once I got it home and started studying it, the disappointment set in. The book heavily features hotel gardens, and I mean the massive gardens like the Bali Hyatt, not the intimate, small hotel gardens like the Tandjung Sari's. It is good that the editor includes photos of some of Bali's most interesting gardens, such as Tirta Gangga, Walter Spies' Tjampuhan residence, and several sites designed by Made Wijaya, but these photos do not always do the places justice (strange angles, views of the gardens that do not show their best aspects). I concede that the exception to this is the section devoted to the gardens of the Batujimbar estate, which is the second best part of this book. But many of the photos left me wanting more variety, smaller margins (larger actual photos), and better angles. The best chapter is Traditional Gardens in Bali, but again the photos are often disappointingly small. And, from this chapter, conspicuously absent, were photos of Ubud's Agung Rai Museum gardens and any number of single-family (not sacred, public, or hotel) Balinese gardens. Somewhat useful is

the chapter on Balinese plants, but because it lacks stats like height and shade / sun preferences, it is not great as a reference for the person interested in some serious landscaping or plant identification. Text does have interesting tidbits about garden history, thanks to contributor Adrian Vickers (and, for the Ubud text, William Warren). Visually, not as bold as "style" books can and should be. I put other books on my coffee table. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely stunning! By Bettaman This very large and beautifully printed book is a stand out in our library of tropical paradises. It offers a very nice overview of the entire country, the culture and some of the exotic gardens, both large and small, that grace what must be a real Garden of Eden. Many of the photos also identify some of the plants in the image but to do so entirely would dictate another page of descriptions because of the sheer number of varieties shown. There is also a great deal of very informative information about the people who created and/or designed not only the gardens but also some of the homes and resorts. I have actually only skimmed over the text of the book but the photos alone are well worth twice the price. If you're planning a tropical garden, greenhouse or just a room, this book will give you ideas and inspirations to nearly overpower your dreams. An absolute visual feast! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Goolpranee Alm Enjoy reading. A nice book.

This beautiful gardening book—full of lush photographs and insightful commentary—will surely give readers some new ideas for their home landscaping projects or Bali travel plans. Born of volcanic eruptions many eons ago, Bali is still in the throes of creation as man and nature continue to transform its landscapes. *Balinese Gardens* presents a unique portrait of the lush volcanic landscapes and gardens found on this magical isle—gardens which are further enhanced by traditional ornamental sculptures, tranquil ponds, fountains and sacred springs. Landscape gardener and author William Warren introduces Bali and examines the effect its landscapes have had upon notable visitors over the past century. Specialists in Balinese ecology and culture then provide a broad overview of the island's geography and plant life, including some fascinating insights into the role of nature in Balinese culture. The second part of *Balinese Gardens* explores Bali's finest contemporary gardens in private homes, resorts and restaurants around the island, detailing the wealth of plant life, design and decoration that the island has to offer. Lavishly illustrated with over 300 photographs by renowned photographer Luca Invernizzi Tettoni, this book is a delight for anyone with an interest in tropical plants and landscape design as well as everyone who has been entranced by the natural beauty of this remarkable island. Topics of this book include: Gardens of Eden The Balinese Landscape Plants of Bali Traditional Gardens in Bali Contemporary Balinese Gardens Gardens in Sanur The Bali Hyatt Garden In Search of Ricefield Views Begawan Giri Estate And many more...

"Anyone can enjoy [Bali] through the lush photographs. A visual treat." -- "New York Times News Service" About the Author William Warren has lived in Thailand since 1960 and has designed gardens in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Phuket. Additional chapters are written by Tony Whitten, a Biodiversity Specialist at the World Bank in Washington, DC, and Martin Jenkins, a freelance writer and researcher on environmental and conservation issues worldwide.