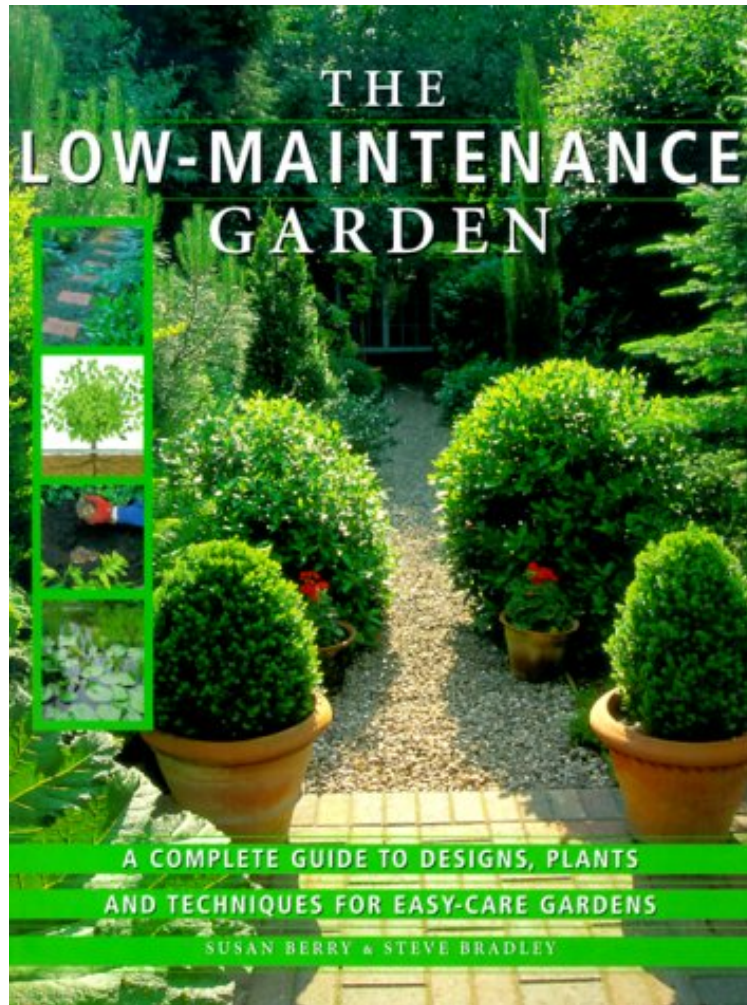


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From Publishers Weekly Berry and Bradley (coauthors of *Contained Gardens*) aim at gardeners willing to invest time and effort in exchange for an end result that won't require as much upkeep as the traditional lawn-and-border arrangement. The authors cover a lot of ground, breaking down the information they present so that each turn of the page reveals a new topic, from incorporating hard surfaces, such as bricks and paving, to the use of ornamental grasses. Packed with photos, small sidebars and a "low-maintenance rating" (small water fountains, for example, receive four out of a possible five stars for ease of care), the material is heavier on inspiration than how-to, although thumbnail instructions are included for a variety of projects, such as building a raised bed from bricks and establishing a fern bed. A slightly longer discussion on converting an existing garden into one that requires less labor is followed by an analysis of half a dozen gorgeous gardens of different styles--from traditional Japanese to an "urban jungle." The final section explains how the three ps of garden chores--planting, pruning and propagating--can be streamlined. There is a great deal for thought here, particularly for intermediate and experienced gardeners, and the eye-catching presentation packs a pleasant visual punch. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist "Low-maintenance" means "less work," the authors promise in their introduction to this lavishly illustrated volume. Work can be saved if a portion of the garden is devoted to hard surfaces such as bricks and paving, decking, or gravel, and Berry and Bradley give instructions on building these surfaces. The authors also suggest installing raised beds and water features, and offer data on creating them. They discuss a number of plants such as ground covers, ornamental grasses, ferns, and shrub borders for easy upkeep, and offer several low-maintenance designs, including a Japanese-style garden, a semi-wild garden, an urban jungle, and a country studio. The authors also provide a section on easier ways to garden by sensibly organizing the workload with tips on planting, feeding, watering, weeding, pruning, and pest and disease control, and a directory of flowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, and sedges that require minimum care. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Packed with photos, small sidebars and a low-maintenance rating ... the material is heavier on inspiration than how-to, although thumbnail instructions are included for a variety of projects ... There is a great deal for thought here, particularly for intermediate and experienced gardeners, and the eye-catching presentation packs a pleasant visual punch. (Publishers Weekly 2000-04-01) Low-maintenance means less work, the authors promise in their introduction to this lavishly illustrated volume. (George Cohen Booklist 2000-07-01)