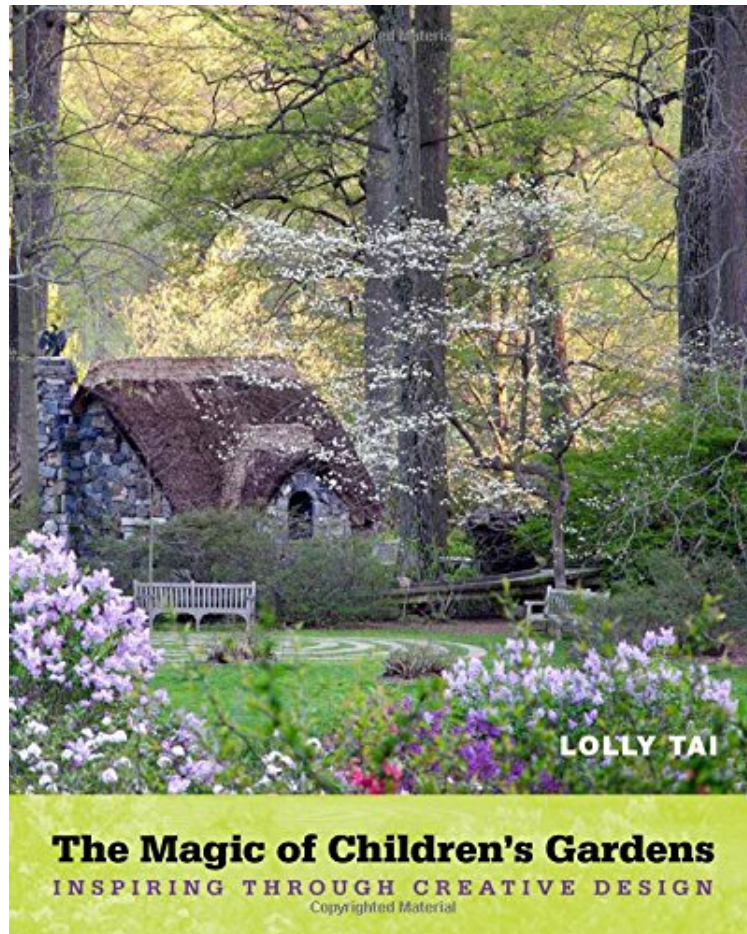


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Magic unmaskedBy LaTrelle OliverI have thoroughly enjoyed dipping into this Magic via its foreword, acknowledgments, introduction, gardens I've visited thus far, conclusion, references, resources, illus credits, and even the index. The wealth of information, engaging format, and visual treasures are all of a piece with the consistent structure of chapters; and, the thorough text is impressively concise and illuminating. Thank you, Lolly Tai, for your work that manifests a cartographer's mission -- making the way plain so that others may see and find their way. Bravo on your tenacious commitment to this project! I'll share it with folks at our town's council meeting tonight, where imaginations (including mine) get stuck on the far side of possible. All of us

need a healthy dose of fresh insight. This book is a well from which to drink often. Furthermore, Jane Taylor's clear voice in the Foreword, is buoyant with hope that perplexities can indeed become possibilities leading to happier, healthier lives for children and their grown-ups. Yes!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Magical bookBy ImtiazThe Magic of Childrens Garden ReviewBy Mary Haque, ASLAMy copy of The Magic of Childrens Gardens by Lolly Tai arrived in the mail today, and I have been immersed in a delightful collection of photographs, sketches, landscape designs, and descriptions of childrens gardens from around the country. I hope the nineteen gardens featured in the book are prepared for a deluge of visitors, because it inspires one to cancel previous summer plans, rent a van, scoop up ones children and grandchildren, and set out on a grand tour of American childrens gardens that are fun, educational, inspiring, and engaging for all ages.When I return from the tour, I plan to brush up on my landscape architectural skills and use this book as a professional design tool and resource reference. It will be equally useful to garden managers, planners, designers, parks and recreation professionals, schools, and parents.Congratulations to Lolly Tai for writing, compiling, and providing the graphic design layout for this beautiful book, and to Temple University Press for publishing it in full and brilliant color. The book itself is as magical and inspiring as the childrens gardens it features.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Resource for ParentsBy mlegoriaAs mentioned in the previous reviews, The Magic of Childrens Gardens is a valuable resource for landscape architects and children educators interested in creating stimulating outdoor environments. It is also an excellent successor to Dr. Tais book, Designing Outdoor Environments for Children. This book provides nineteen examples of childrens gardens that are successful in attracting children and parents to their gardens and plants. Filled with beautiful color pictures of children in the garden settings, illustrative garden plans, and informative information such as the gardens goals, concepts, and plant lists; it is also an excellent resource for parents desiring to find and facilitate learning in safe and stimulating outdoor environments for their children. Many times parents bring their children to these gardens wanting to help their children learn and appreciate plants, but only have the garden signage as a guide. Dr. Tais book provides all the information that parents will need to facilitate learning and an appreciation for nature in these gardens. Using this book as a guide parents can now help children enjoy and experience these gardens to the fullest.

Childrens gardens are magical places where kids can interact with plants, see where food and fibers grow, and experience the role of birds, butterflies, and bees in nature. These gardens do more than just expose youngsters to outdoor environments, they also provide marvelous teaching opportunities for them to visit a small plot, care for vegetables and flowers, and interact in creative spaces designed to stimulate all five senses. In The Magic of Childrens Gardens, landscape architect Lolly Tai provides the primary goals, concepts and key considerations for designing outdoor spaces that are attractive to and suitable for children especially in urban environments. Tai presents inspiring ideas for creating childrens green spaces by examining nearly twenty case studies, including the Chicago Botanic Gardens and Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA.The Magic of Childrens Gardens features hundreds of comprehensive drawings and gorgeous photographs of successful childrens outdoor environments, detailed explanations of the design process, and the criteria needed to create attractive and pleasing gardens for children to augment their physical, mental, and emotional development.Exposing youth to well-planned outdoor environments promotes our next generation of environmental stewards. The Magic of Children's Gardens offers practitioners a guide to designing these valued spaces.

"The Magic of Children's Gardens is an unparalleled resource for anyone whether landscape designer, horticulturist, educator, or community leader who seeks a better understanding of how the design of contemporary children's gardens has evolved to most effectively spark the interest and imagination of today's kids. Lolly Tai has compiled detailed profiles of exemplary gardens across America, each including design intents, plant lists, technical details, and inspirational photos and plans. Those charged with envisioning, maintaining, or enhancing children's gardens need to have this comprehensive work on their bookshelves."Tom Underwood, Executive Director of the American Horticultural Society