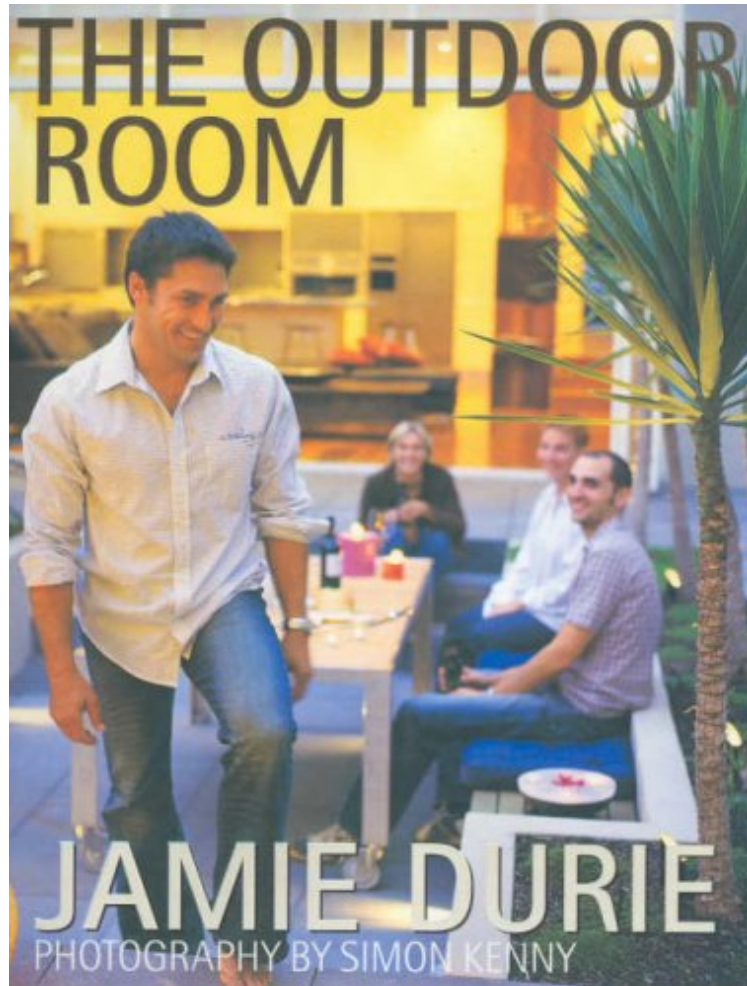


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Covering all aspects of designing outdoor spaces, including walls, floors, lighting, water features, and much more, this manual is full of simple but effective ideas to spark horticultural creativity. Elegant and practical, this work provides a treasure of hints for making the most of small gardening spaces and making larger spaces worlds unto themselves.

From Publishers Weekly A cross between Trading Spaces Ty Pennington and Jamie Oliver (aka The Naked Chef), Durie hosts the Australian TV show Backyard Blitz. In this, his second book (after Patio), he explains that no matter how big or small an outdoor space is, it can still be transformed into a place to relax or entertain. Working on enclosed spaces only, Durie covers all aspects of outdoor rooms, from walls and floors to furnishing and lighting. Durie's creative approach employs such materials as cor-ten (bendable sheets of metal), driftwood, timber and foliage to shape a space; he suggests making a path out of stepping stones to make people take "extra care" with their steps and "consequently a little more time to soak up the surroundings." He often gives several solutions to one problem. For example, if readers are desperate to build a "water feature" in their outdoor space, Durie suggests running a "skin" of water down an existing wall, hovering an elegant tap over an ornamental basin or installing a system of miniature canals around the perimeter of the space. The book includes lovely photographs and sketches of possible layouts, and is written in the first person, which gives it an accessible, personal tone. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A must have." -- South Florida Sun-Sentinel "Contemporary and timeless." -- The Virginia Pilot About the Author Jamie Durie hosts the television series Backyard Blitz and runs a landscape design business.