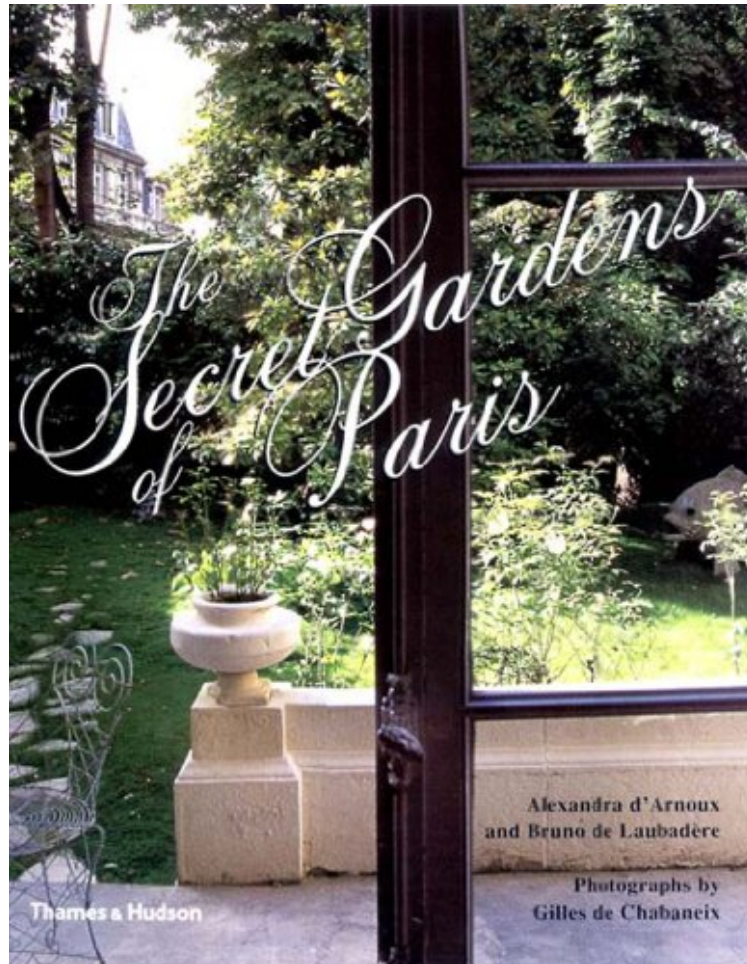


## The Secret Gardens of Paris

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Hidden behind the elegant facades and high walls of Paris are its private gardens. Whether grandiose or miniscule,

highly manicured or exuberantly untended, these gardens are a secret treasure seldom seen by the visitor to Paris. This book reveals some 50 gardens, all created with passion by their owners, often in collaboration with well-known landscape designers. Each proprietor discusses the conditions in which the garden was created, the constraints and the problems that were encountered, and explains why the final design and plantings were chosen. The traditional French-style gardens, such as those of Hubert de Givenchy or Pierre Bergé, are attached to private town houses, and their designs mirror the elegance and restraint of these classic dwellings. Romantic, picturesque potagers or kitchen gardens belonging to Yves Saint Laurent and others reflect their owners' taste for outdoor living. Tropical gardens with giant ferns and rare flowers, admirably tended oriental gardens, a Russian garden surrounding a little wooden hut, a Japanese garden that encourages meditation - these exotic hideaways allow us to discover other cultures.

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Hidden behind the elegant facades of Parisian buildings are scores of magical domains, from sophisticated urban sanctuaries to picturesque pocket-size landscapes, and gardens defined by decidedly exotic attributes. Crisscrossing Paris, the authors delve into these private horticultural realms, furnishing descriptive text comprised of historical background, intimate profiles on the gardens' owners, and revealing perspectives on individual garden spaces. The tour includes stopovers at the home of President and Madame Giscard d'Estaing and the Japanese retreat of couturier Kenzo, as well as glimpses of the art nouveau style created by Hector Guimard. Alice Joyce  
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