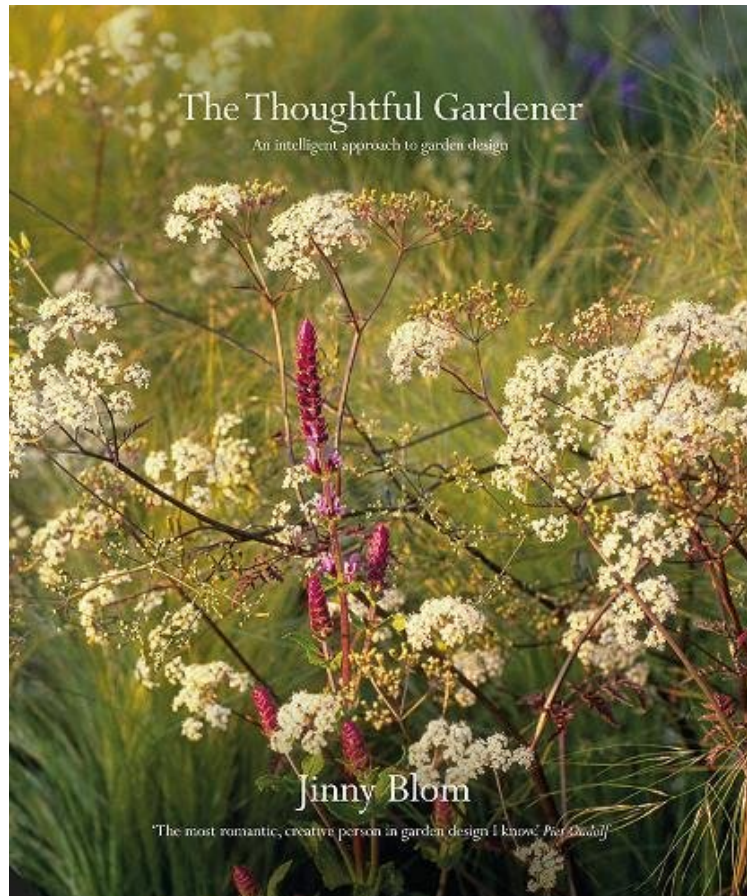


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"Written with wit and insight, it sets out an approach to design that is intuitive, thoughtful and holistic a philosophy that is clearly successful and clearly manifest in this designers beautifully executed gardens. It is a book that will make you think about design, about landscape and nature, and about the benefits of engaging with a garden yourself.