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Rupert Golby : The Well-Planned Garden: A Practical Guide to Planning Planting (Wayside Gardens Collection) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Well-Planned Garden: A Practical Guide to Planning Planting (Wayside Gardens Collection):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A well planned garden By R. O. Girton I found this book to be fairly comprehensive, but a bit wordy. A lot of words but not very decisive, i.e., many options are described but no real directives on what qualifies as a good plan. The gardens in the photos are beautiful, but just not realistic for the suburban do-it-yourselfer. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A pillow book for gardeners By ealovitt Helen Dillon, Ireland's foremost plantswoman and garden television star has collaborated with American retail mail-order company, Wayside Gardens to produce this lovely garden book. Even though it is subtitled "A Practical Guide to Planning Planting," I would venture to guess that it is not for beginning gardeners. It is however, a great book to curl up with in midwinter and dream about "'Etoile Violette,' 'Duchess of Albany,' 'Marie Boisselot, and 'Huldine,' climbing and twining their way up the walls,...mingled with white potato vine, Cobaea with their handsome bell-flowers, various jasmines and a Buddleia as an oasis for...butterflies." As a garden writer, Helen Dillon has an appropriately earthy sense of humor: "You know what they say about Lady Hillingdon (the apricot rose)? No good in a

bed but great against a wall."This book's photographs mainly consist of layered borders and close-ups of particular plant combinations such as "The striking purple leaves of Ricinus and Canna, backed by the air foliage of Rosa moyesii, accentuate the pompon shape of the dahlias and the flower spikes of Kniphofia." Size, balance, and repetition are emphasized in both the photographs and text. There are chapters on planning, propagating, and caring for a flower garden, and an index of fifty "Key plants for the flower garden." "The Flower Garden" is fun to read or simply browse through the photographs if you can suppress your feelings of envy. Remember that some of the herbaceous borders shown in this book have taken years to perfect, not a scattered succession of Saturday afternoons. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Professional looking project By JennyCT This is my absolute favorite gardening book. The layouts are stunning, and in fact, I did so well with my project that people thought I hired a landscape architect. I did spend a lot of time researching my replacement plants (I wanted all non toxic for my toddler) and I resized the plot to a longer and more narrow strip. I had the challenge of making this shady spot on the north side give me color all season long. I went to the plant wholesaler, spent about 150 dollars and as I said, made a beautiful and impressive traditional looking flower bed with plants which bloomed all spring, summer and fall. The only problem I had was deer and skunk enjoying my non toxic buffet of goodies, but otherwise I and my friends were impressed. What I liked most about the book was the layout and plant guides. The layouts were very specific size wise and showed the amount of plants you would need (I actually got away with less and they filled in). The colors and heights were laid out to show a nice proportionally balanced palette. I think the proportion and color blending is what I liked most. Also, the texture of the plants, as well as the needs of the gardener were taken into consideration. If there were any complaint, it would be that in her diagrams I wish she could somehow always notate the height of the plant. The width is graphically shown, but you would have to look up the max height. Great book.

One thing that all gardens have in common, whether large or small, formal or informal, is that careful planning is the key to their success. See how to make the most of any space by establishing boundaries, internal divisions, and focal points using walls, fences, hedges, climbing plants, trees, and more. Find out how to incorporate garden features, including fountains, pergolas, benches, and statues. "Covers everything from lawn care to the construction of garden walls, plus a short list of key plants, ' a best-of list that starter gardeners are sure to appreciate."-- "Chicago Tribune. 128 pages (all in color), 9 3/8 x 10 1/4.

From Publishers Weekly This British import, a selection from the Wayside Gardens Collection series, will likely leave all but the most devoted Anglophiles turning to other pages. The abundant photos rely heavily on gravel drives, clipped boxes, yew hedges, topiaries and the nearly ubiquitous enclosed gardens with mellow stone walls. All of this is very pretty, but, for the most part, it's a style quite removed from the daily experience and aspiration of a great many American gardeners. Golby, a noted British horticulturist, is well-informed and emphatically thorough, covering every possible aspect of garden design from focal points and boundaries to siting a terrace, selecting paving materials and pleaching trees. His prose, however, is without humor or spark and has a droning tone that makes paying attention hard work. Despite its valuable sections of information (a short section on ornamental and structural embellishments and the concluding chapter on multipurpose "Key Plants for the Well-Planned Garden") and idea-inspiring photos and planting plans, this is not a volume that invites repeated browsing. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.