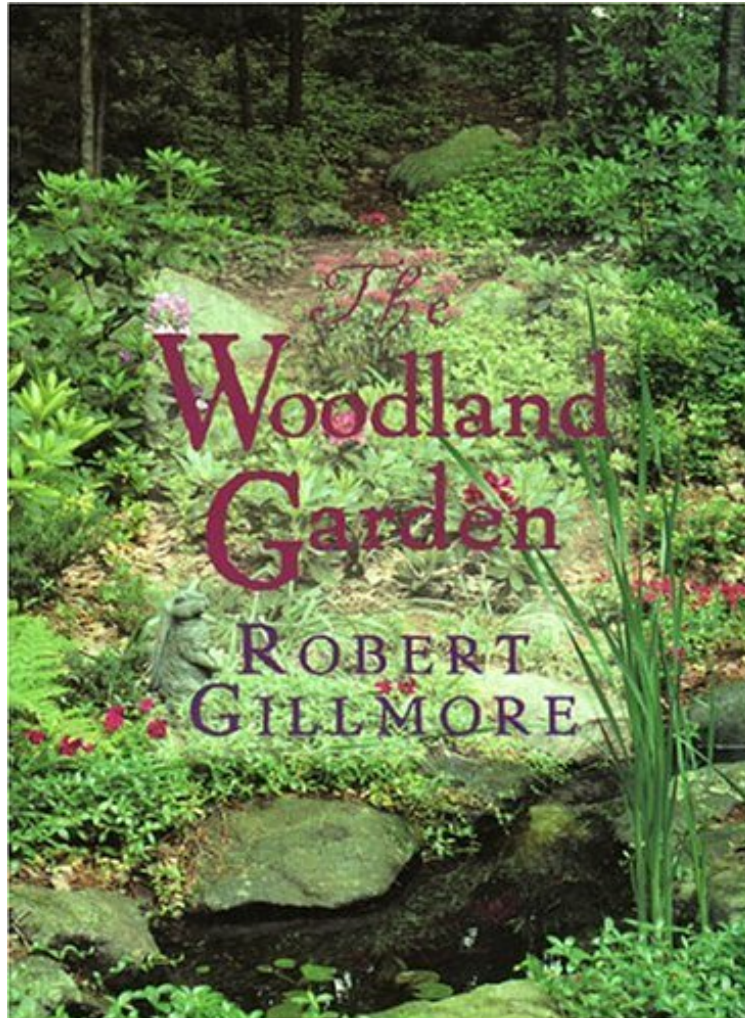


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Robert Gillmore : The Woodland Garden before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Woodland Garden:

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A limited view By L. Alessio It should be stated that this book's emphasis is on creating a miniature woodland garden, and not gardening in the woods. The difference is one of scale as the book is, for the most part, a tribute to the author's own suburban, less-than-an-acre, building lot, and much of his material, in word and plant, addresses blocking out his neighbors' houses, cars, garages, and views of the street. Many of the photographs are various shots of the same scene...how helpful are several images of a rather plebian (think Home Depot purchase) Virgin Mary, or glaringly white Victorianesque cast iron bench? The latter he claims, adds color to the garden, but both contradict his premise that a wooden bench or fence, being man-made, is out of place in a

woodland setting. The book is not without merit or enjoyment, as the author's passion for his creation is clearly evident, (he planted 140 rhododendron and trucked in 300 cubic yards of soil for a 14' high berm!) and the actual landscape is magnificently blessed with huge, beautiful stone outcroppings. For those of us who are, however, actually seeking to scape a wood, the concept of raking leaves off of the pathways in one's woodland, as the author does, surpasses the precious and enters the realm of the ridiculous. His choices of plant material are repetitive and unimaginative with overuse of common pachysandra and variegated euonymous. His creation of a "dam" out of plastic bags filled with sand would be a silly washout for anything but a trickle of water. Again, there is enjoyment in reading here if one remembers that the word amateur comes from the word for love, not knowledge. Far better reference is out there for the serious who seek to garden a woodland.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy KathyLots of good information and beautiful illustrations.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Nice woodland bookBy CollectorWell-written book with beautiful pictures and good advice. It makes a nice addition to my gardening library, and I think that a gardener with this environment would enjoy it.

Explains how to turn a woodland area into a lush, low-maintenance garden that brings the world of nature into your own yard. Includes detailed information on grading, adding water, planting, and choosing furniture and sculpture.

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