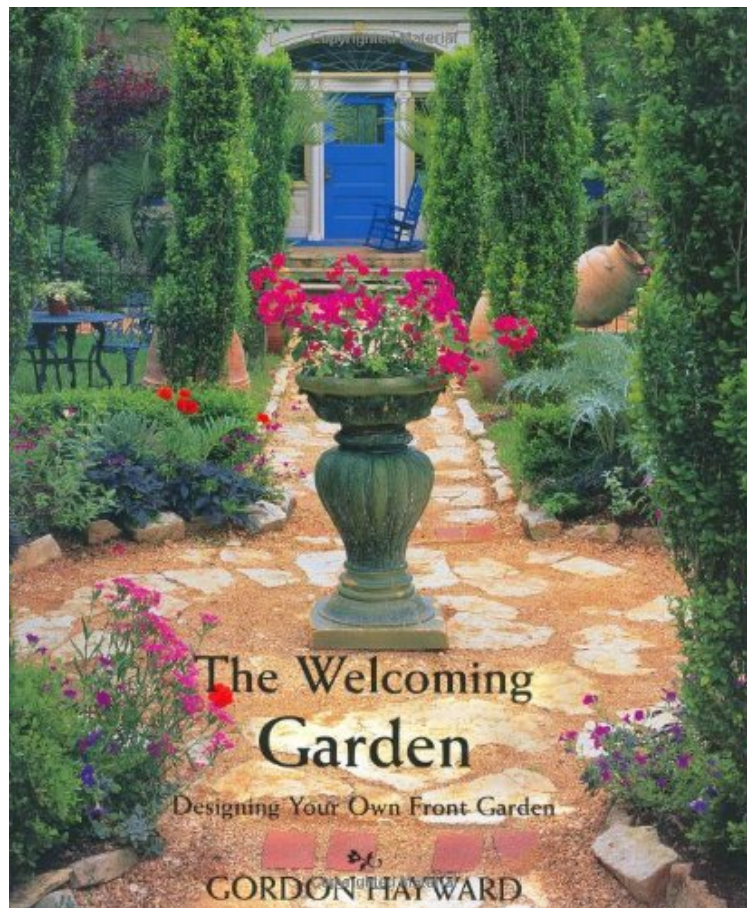


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From Publishers Weekly Starred . In three previous books and numerous articles for leading horticultural magazines, Hayward has shown himself to be not only a talented landscape designer but also a gifted teacher. The front garden is one of the areas he explored in *Your House, Your Garden* and is the foundation of this examination of how house, garden, sidewalk and street can be integrated into an aesthetically pleasing and functional design. Hayward asserts that "front gardens welcome, enliven, enrich and engage us." He goes on to analyze key elements including style; driveways and parking; walkways; the front door; the front lawn; extending the garden to the sidewalk or street; walls, fences and gates; and sitting areas. Finally, he offers helpful, if relatively brief, listings of street-tough plants for six U.S. regions. The lush color photographs and illustrated landscape plans alone make this a valuable addition to any serious gardener's library. But there's an even more compelling reason everyone who enjoys gardening books should own this one: it's based entirely on Hayward's analysis of existing photographs. Explanations of his approach help readers learn to "look at these images, manipulate them, change them in your mind so that the gardens in these photographs become an inspiration for your own garden making." (Feb.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. The photos and text in this lovely book will inspire anyone who aspires to such beauty in their garden. -- San Jose Mercury News, February 24, 2007 From the Inside Flap \$29.95 U.S. Renowned garden expert and designer Gordon Hayward shares his step-by-step process of creating entry gardens that invite, enrich and enliven. The new American garden is presented within a variety of delightful, inspiring photographs and illustrations that show fundamental design principles to put to work in your own garden, no matter where it is in North America, no matter what size it is. Even the smallest patch of lawn can be transformed into a beautiful, stylish space. *The Welcoming Garden* provides the blueprint for creating your own imaginative front-yard combinations and offers fresh ideas in light of any budget or skill level. Discover how to Find your comfort level and gain confidence in your gardening abilities. Choose the style of your front garden to reflect your personality and home. Create edges with walls, fences and gates. Transform the strip between sidewalk and street. Design sitting areas that are open and inviting or cozy and intimate. Determine the right types of plants and trees for your area by using regional growing guides provided. About the Author Gordon Hayward is a certified member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. He is the author of several books, including *The Intimate Garden: Twenty Years and Four Seasons in Our Garden*, *Garden Paths: Inspiring Designs and Practical Projects*, and *Your House, Your Garden: A Foolproof Approach to Garden Design*, as well as a variety of articles for *Horticulture Magazine*. He lives in Westminster West, Vermont.