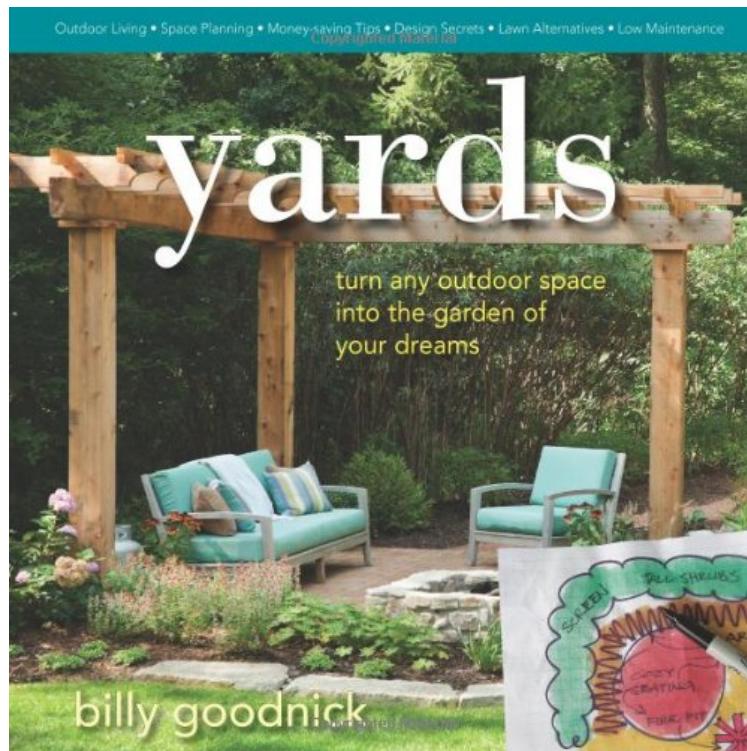


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. You should buy this book - it's that important.By L. HokeAre you a gardener, or are you wondering how to improve your yard? You should buy "YARDS" by Billy Goodnick.This small book is crammed with photos, diagrams, how-to advice references which will improve your yard or enhance your existing garden. The author shares lessons from his years of professional experience and I think "YARDS" belongs in every gardener's library.Do you like your yard, but wish it looked more "pulled together"? This is the book you need. I've been gardening for 50 years, on suburban lots rural land and wish I'd known about Billy's book years ago - but, folks, it's a NEW book! Because of this book I've spent the summer re-thinking and refining some of my own garden areas and find them to be much more satisfying now. Whether you're a flower floozie or prefer environment-friendly native plants, "YARDS" will help you make the best use of your time, space, and financial resources. It's such a small price for a treasure trove of smart advice. Buy it now! You won't be sorry. It would also make a great gift for friends with gardens, or people moving into new homes.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Get Inspired!!By ReneeI bought this book as a gift for my husband for Christmas. And it was a great investment; one that paid many dividends! This book inspired my husband to re-landscape an area in our backyard, lay a deck, hang a hammock, and build a firepit! I continue to reap the rewards of the inspiration in this book! My backyard is a garden of peace and relaxation!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very good overview on design process but light on

detailed ideas/examples By L. C Glover "Yards" is a very good book to help you think about how to design a yard in a disciplined manner. A fair amount of the information is obvious but the presentation and sequence is very good. It really helps to frame how you go about doing the design. The pictures in the book are very good examples of what the author is talking about. This should be your first place to start when doing a landscape design. It will help you get a design down so that you can find the specific elements that you want in the yard/garden. The process will take time and patience but that makes sense when it comes to a landscape design that really works well. I only gave the book 4 stars because I was hoping to get more examples of design elements that the author has used before / a few reference web sites to review to help get a good idea. I could use Houzz.com but I was hoping for something more specific to the task of landscape design.

Nobody wants to spend time in a tired, underperforming yard. But how to achieve a low-cost, low-maintenance yard that's environmentally savvy as well as beautiful - a place that works for every need? How do the pros do it? Award-winning landscape architect and garden coach Billy Goodnick says, Whether you're starting with bare ground or you're renovating an existing yard, you gotta have a plan. With step-by-step, clear examples, he demystifies the planning process: from site analysis to lifestyle considerations to plant selection. It's all about training the eye to see the big picture first, so all the other pieces fall into place, leading to the outdoor environment of one's dreams. Full color photos throughout.

Imagine you had a really hip and cool neighbor who played in a rock band, designed gardens, and dropped by every now and then to drink a beer and give you a little advice about your yard. Now imagine he wrote a book. This is that book! --Amy Stewart, New York Times bestselling author of *Wicked Plants* and *The Drunken Botanist*