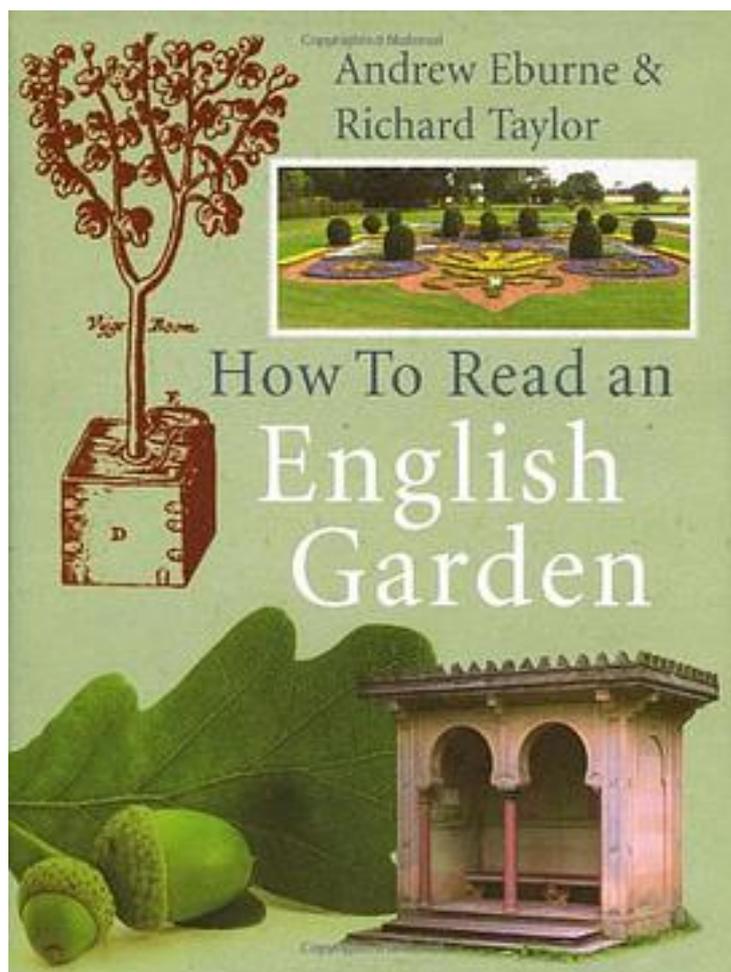# How to Read an English Garden

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Richard Taylor, author of the best-selling "How to Read a Church", joins forces with garden historian Andrew Eburne to produce the ultimate guide to historic and modern

gardens. Gardens are amongst the fastest-growing visitor attractions today - in the UK alone 15 million people will visit a garden this year. "How to Read an English Garden" is the essential book for every garden lover. It provides an account of the different elements of gardens of all ages and explains their meaning and their history. Here, you'll find the answer to such questions as: when were tulips introduced into our gardens, and what was 'tulip-mania'? What is a knot-garden, and what was the origin of its design? Who was 'Capability' Brown, and how did he get his name? And why are mazes such a common feature in English garden design? In addition, the book explains how lawns, flowerbeds, trees and ponds came to be a feature, not just of grand houses but of gardens everywhere. Among the many subjects covered are: garden design, plant introductions and collectors, kitchen gardens, water gardens, and garden styles from around the world - English, American, Chinese and Moorish to name just a few. Clearly laid out and beautifully illustrated, "How to Read an English Garden" brings historic and modern gardens to life: a book to accompany garden visitors everywhere, or to be enjoyed and dipped into at home.

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