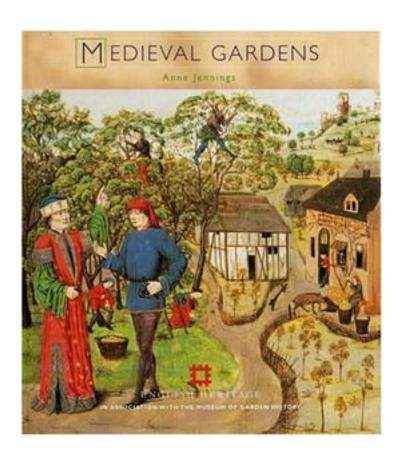
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A new series of books covering the history of gardens, from the medieval period through to the outbreak of the First World War. Beautifully illustrated in full colour, these attractive volumes provide an insight into the garden fashions of different periods and how garden design was influenced by the social and economic developments of the time. The focus is on the outdoor spaces of the common people as well as those of the well-to-do, and an informative section covers popular plants, new botanical introductions, developments in garden equipment and furniture, and

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