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Chicago - whose motto is "City in a Garden" - is currently at the forefront of a global movement to end the division between town and country. In "Chicago's Urban Nature", Sally A. Kitt Chappell provides a beautifully illustrated guide to the city's stunning blend of nature and architecture. At the heart of this new urban concept is the idea of connection, bringing buildings and landscapes, culture and nature, commerce and leisure into energetic harmony. With "Chicago's Urban Nature" in hand, you'll see those connections woven through the fabric of the city. Chappell provides new insights into such historic Chicago sites as Jens Jensen's Garfield Park Conservatory, Frederick Law Olmsted's Jackson Park, and Alfred Caldwell's Lily Pond, then takes us to innovative contemporary green spaces, including City Hall's rooftop garden, the North Lawndale Green Youth Farm, and Chicago's heralded new Millennium Park. These beautiful green spaces, with their unprecedented melding of art, architecture, and ecology, have become far more than places of escape for Chicagoans - they're now fully integrated into the urban scene, an essential part of the cultural life of the modern

city. Packed with maps and recommended tours as well as splendid photos, this is an essential guidebook for day-trippers, lifelong Chicago residents, and professionals in landscape architecture, urbanism, and design.
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