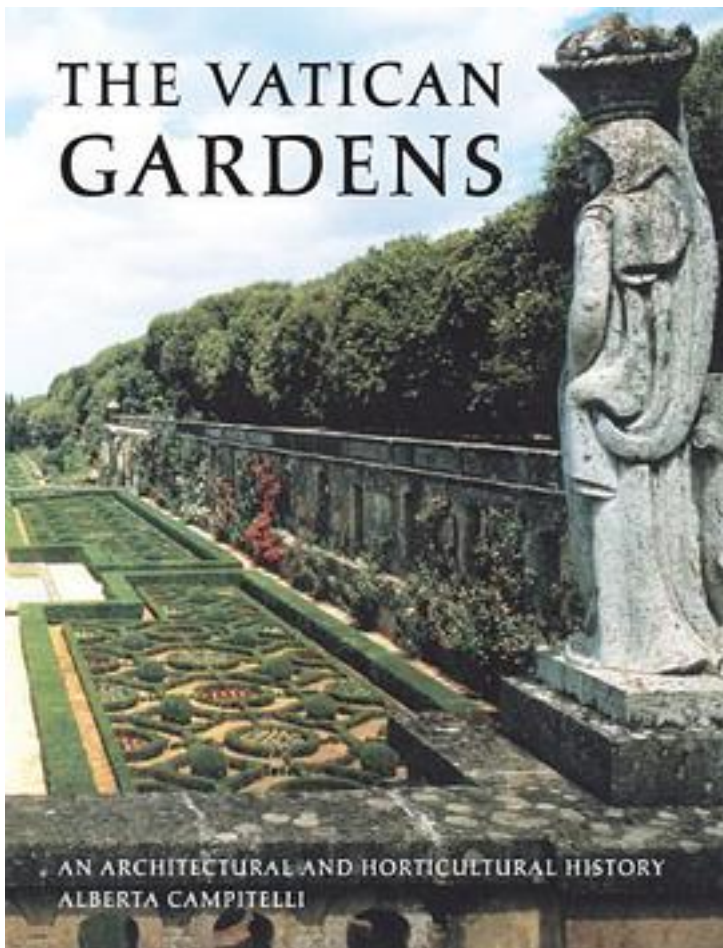


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Despite their importance to the history of Western gardens and art, no full-length study of the Vatican Gardens has previously been published. The release of "The Vatican Gardens" - the third in Abbeville's series on Vatican art, which also includes "The Sistine

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