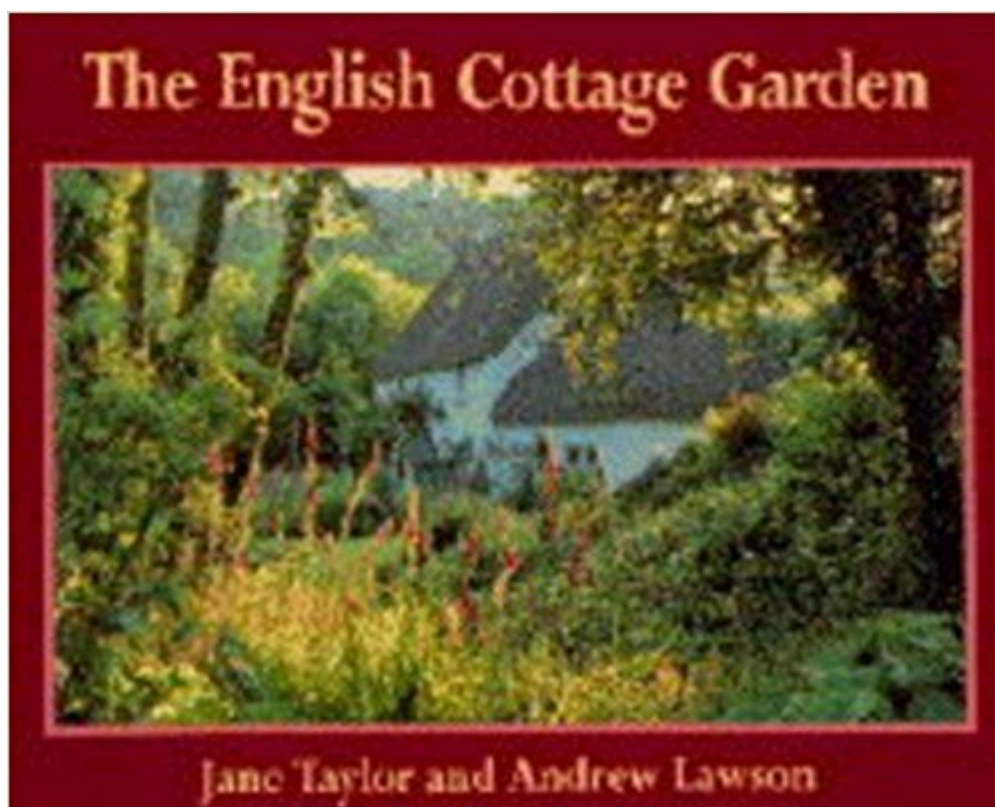


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# The English Cottage Garden (Country Series, No. 34)



## Synopsis

The cottage garden of today derives from two strands: the subsistence culture of the original cottagers, who grew the vegetables and herbs they needed, and the romantic notions of the gentry who, from around the seventeenth century, started to build larger cottage-style houses. The English Cottage Garden is loosely arranged as a stroll around an idyllic garden. With Jane Taylor as our guide, we enter through the wicket gate and up the garden path, discussing the medicinal and culinary herbs in the adjacent borders, take a quick lesson on the quirky art of topiary, relax on a garden seat beneath a shady bower, breathing in the fragrance of lavender and lily of the valley, admire the climbing roses and fruit growing up the cottage wall, and then inspect the greenhouse and outbuildings. Finally, we are shown a medley of flowers: some traditional, some transplanted from woodland and meadow, and some of the more sophisticated and exotic flowers now integrated into many a cottage garden.

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## Customer Reviews

Most U.S. gardeners can only imagine a climate conducive to growing the lush perennials associated with English cottage-style plantings, but the fascination with this type of garden continues to flourish. A prominent gardening photographer, Larson supplies countless images of charming country homes bedecked with roses and wisteria running riot over arbors, amazing topiaries lending structural form, and flowers spilling over all sorts of delightful stone and brick pathways. Taylor comments on artists and designers who influenced English horticultural trends, explains various architectural styles, and, referring to sources both historical and literary, entertains

with herbal and plant lore. Most plant descriptions are of a general nature, noting specific varieties or cultivars less often. Alice Joyce --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

& PHOTOGRAPHER Jane Taylor has written eleven books about gardens, including the Kew Gardening Series, Climbing Plants, and Tender Perennials. She was a Deputy General Secretary of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens. Andrew Lawson is one of our most inspired and knowledgeable garden photographers. His pictures have illustrated many books, including Good Planting, The Terracotta Gardener, The Container Gardener, Highgrove: Portrait of an Estate, and the bestselling Garden at Highgrove. Andrew Lawson lives in Charlbury, Oxfordshire. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you've been to the UK, gardens might be one of the things you remember best about your visit. I love the mass planting and the visually busy look of an English cottage garden. This book represents those gardens faithfully. The photos are just gorgeous and there is enough information about the plantings to help you design your own cottage garden. Apartment dwellers can just sit and sign and live vicariously through the photos. A thoroughly lovely book.

This book is just chocked full of photos of old English Cottages and gardens,two loves of mine. It is a trip to an earlier time with information included about each photo and a bit of history thrown in. This is book number 34 of an extended series about the English Countryside. Lovely book, I would love to acquire all the titles. A definite positive addition to any lover of English Cottage Gardens!

My English born and raised wife loves this book. She is really into gardening, and is trying to make ours look as English as possible, (a real challenge in Texas at times). The photos are wonderful and capture the essence of these delightful gardens.

I have borrowed this book from the library for over ten years, on and off, finally decided I needed a copy for myself

great book

I purchased this book as like new condition. The book was not clean, had a torn page and folded

over pages.

I went to England for the first time and loved the countryside! It is so vibrant. My own photographs have never turned out very well so I bought this book while I was there to capture the England that I fell in love with. It has a wide range of beautifully photographed cottages and gardens. I am online buying 2 more copies as gifts for friends.

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