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The Gardens of Venice and the Veneto takes in a varied selection of gardens old and new, large and small, public and private. It ranges from tiny monastery gardens tucked away within the walls of Venice to grand palatial landscapes in the former marshes of the hinterland. The book is divided into five sections as well as a lively introduction which captures the rich history of this region. The first section will show the extraordinary gardens still to be found locked behind high walls in the city itself. Then Jenny Condie and Alex Ramsay wander through the more modest parts of the city where ordinary Venetians manage to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables in the most unlikely spots. Then it is out into the lagoon and wild gardens on marshy islands before turning inland to the grand Palladian villas and the Baroque splendours of villas like the Villa Barbarigo and the Villa Allegri Arvedi among many fine country residences of ancient families. All the gardens in the book can be reached within a day's expedition from Venice and practical information about access and advice on the best time of year to visit is included for all those open to the public.

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Michelle says

As with most coffee table-type books, *The Gardens of Venice and the Veneto* is full of large, gorgeous photographs of the book's subject.

But this book offers so much more within its 200+ pages. Inside you will find the history, culture, architecture, horticulture, and atmosphere of La Serenissima; Jenny Condie and Alex Ramsay's love for the city shines through on each and every page. Condie's writing style is smart and clean; Ramsay's eye is superb.

The gardens themselves? Amazing. Old, new, large, small, public, private, well-known, hidden . . . so, so much to enjoy.

I can't recommend this highly enough for anyone who loves Italy, Venice, gardens, or photography.
