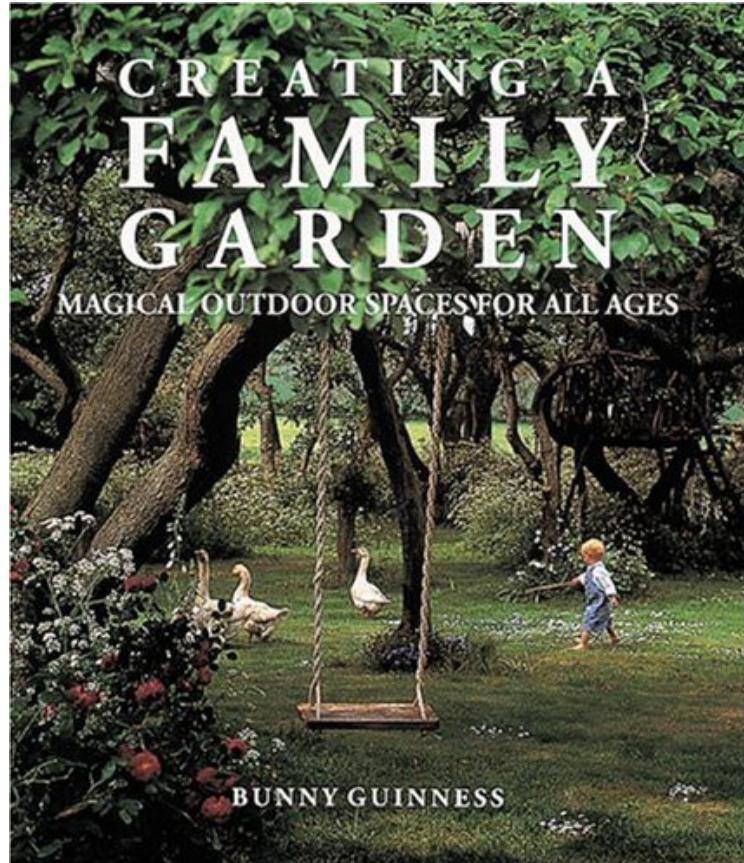


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.com Got kids in your chrysanthemums? A swing set in your rhododendrons? This colorful, engaging book brings practical suggestions and beautiful illustrations to bear on the often thorny task of blending small children with serious gardening. Bunny Guinness's solutions don't simply involve achieving maximum separation of kids from flowers, but creating an aesthetic whole where children are welcome and enchanted. "Areas of long grass for stalking games," for example, are among her ingredients for a successful kid's garden. Guinness won a gold medal at the 1994 Chelsea Flower Show for her "Wind in the Willows" design, and her empathy with the youthful imagination has produced wonderful places of mystery and beauty achievable by the most harried of parents. From Publishers

Weekly Transforming even the tiniest outdoor patch into a functional, cozy place is Bunny Guinness's aim in *Creating a Family Garden: Magical Outdoor Spaces for All Ages*. Plans for myriad needs, including those of children (playhouses, tree houses, play areas and gardens), animals (pets and wildlife) and adults (for eating, entertaining and relaxing) are offered with photos of each finished project. Also covered are the planning of water features, using garden furniture to best advantage, creating topiary and managing habitats, whether wetland, woodland or urban. A list of U.S. suppliers is included. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. Ms. Guinness has demonstrated how a well-designed sandbox can actually add something to a garden; she does the same favor for the tree house, the swing set and the kiddie pool. -- *The New York Times Book*, Michael Pollan Seductive photographs trade off with clever do-it-yourself plans and a text that evinces a real empathy for children; there's even a list of plants that kids love, and a menu of desiderata that includes such essentials as "areas of long grass for stalking games." -- *New York Times*, 12/8/96