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**Leeda Marting : Creating Outdoor Rooms** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Creating Outdoor Rooms:

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Next best thing to their catalog at an insulting price By vieuxcarre Having waited for a few months for "Creating Outdoor Rooms" to be published, I was excited to receive it in today's mail. Back it goes... If you have enjoyed looking through Charleston Garden's catalog, Ms Marting being the owner of that shop, then I would suggest you continue to subscribe to her catalog for free and "pass" on purchasing this book. "Creating Outdoor Rooms" appears to be nothing more than the products Ms Marting sells at her store represented in hardback form and embellished by minimal and superficial text. I am surprised she did not include the prices on each page. This is a hugely disappointing publication from a person whose talent and creativity appear to be well-represented in her shop and catalog, but should be above insulting readers who are truly looking for an informative book on creating outdoor rooms. Her free catalog does a much better job without the exorbitant price tag attached. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Thirty dollars for a poor catalog? Are you kidding? By Aceto This book has no design strategies for us. It has no discussion of space or materials. It has no respect for us readers. This is a brazen attempt to gain street cred, as they say, for a pimp. Here is crappy furnishing from one nasty

schlockmeister. Ms. Marting is just a cheap hawker. Save your money for true design books. I am sorry to have to trash anybody's work, because I am certain that many fine professional people were involved in this failed effort. They hold no blame. Please try Taunton Press for the real deal. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful pictures, some nice ideas for outside spaces. By C Lynn PI picked this up just as a coffee table book to look at during the long cold snowy winter months. The photos are very nice, but not a lot of narrative or explanations of how to obtain the look shown in the book. If you like pictures of patios and outdoor spaces, this is a nice book to browse.

Creating Outdoor Rooms shares ideas for creating comfortable, yet elegant, Southern-influenced garden rooms anywhere in the world. In her first book, Marting reveals how to use today's broad range of durable outdoor furniture and accessories to create garden rooms, verandas, and piazzas infused with the hallmark charm of one of America's most beautiful and historic cities. Creating Outdoor Rooms is superbly illustrated with over 100 color photographs featuring some of Charleston's most exquisite outdoor spaces.

From the Inside Flap Today's garden lifestyle has its roots in one of our nation's oldest cities, Charleston, South Carolina. Here is a city where the houses blend seamlessly with their piazzas and gardens, affording an enviable outdoor lifestyle. Charlestonians have long used their verandas and gardens as outdoor rooms where they relax, join others for meals and special occasions, or work in a peaceful setting. Today, family and guests gather outdoors where there are natural light, unlimited ceilings, and gardens that delight the senses. Creating Outdoor Rooms provides inspiration and practical advice for designing beautiful and comfortable outdoor rooms. Chapters are devoted to extending the home to the outdoors, selecting furniture, choosing accessories, using architectural elements and fountains, and bringing the outdoor room alive through entertaining. Beautifully illustrated with over 150 color photographs taken in Charleston's historic homes and gardens, Creating Outdoor Rooms is a guide for the celebration of life outdoors, and it will help develop a vision for your outdoor room that is individualistic and achievable. Leeda Marting, a Southerner by birth, combined her knowledge and love of the home and garden with her passion for business by founding Charleston Gardens in 1994. The company sells garden furniture and furnishings through its popular catalog, Web site and retail store in Charleston, South Carolina. With an eye for good design, she presents inspirational ideas for creating outdoor rooms that truly extend the home. Jacket photographs 2007 Terry Richardson Jacket design by Debra McQuiston About the Author Leeda Marting, a Southerner by birth, combined her knowledge and love of the home and garden with her passion for business by founding Charleston Gardens in 1994. The company sells garden furniture and furnishings through its popular catalog, website and retail store in Charleston. With her eye for good design, she presents inspirational ideas for creating garden rooms that truly extend the home into the outdoors. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Furniture is the mainstay of the outdoor room. In this case, the furniture closely resembles fine wood furniture you would expect to find indoors. Each piece has been hand sanded, painted and rubbed to create a pecan finish. The plush cushions and pillows are covered in an outdoor acrylic fabric that endures the elements. Add the handsome outdoor rug and floor lamp to create a living room outside as inviting as the one inside.