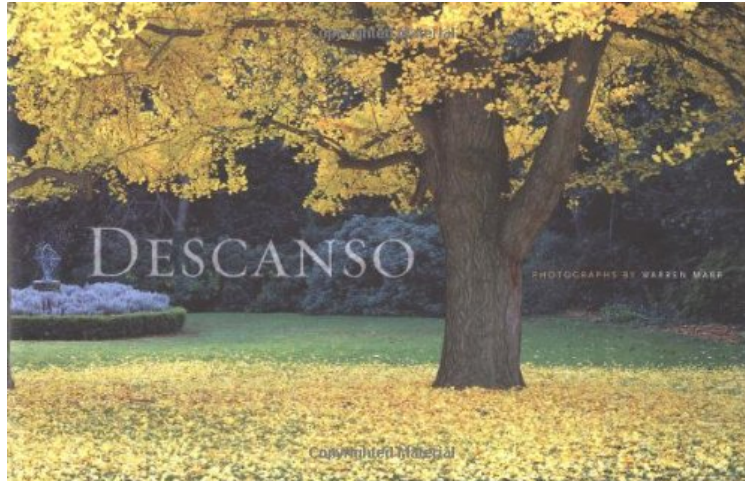


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About the Author Warren Marr's work has been exhibited at many prestigious galleries and has been published in numerous books and periodicals. His prints are included in the permanent collection of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.