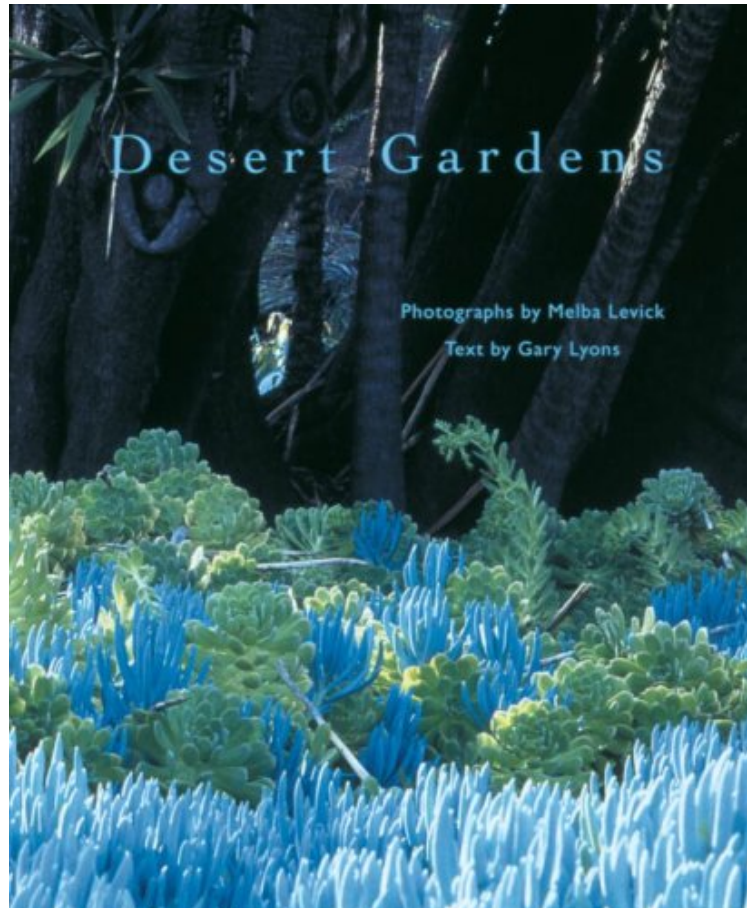


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Practical beautyBy N. DongDry desert gardens are beautiful if people give them a chance. If you visited or even looked at photos from the Huntington Botanical Gardens, you will see the most important desert garden in the world other than the ones in nature. Gary Lyons is the curator at HBG so he was responsible for acquiring many plants in their collection.People are afraid of getting hurt by Cacti spines but I love them because it teaches us that we need to slow down to appreciate and respect nature. Roses have thorns also and when they are out of season, the thorny stems don't look too good. Cacti produce some of the most amazingly beautiful flowers and when they are not in bloom you still have a wonderful sculpture garden with all kinds of colors and textures! It is important for people living in drought prone areas to plant cacti and succulents to save water. That is a logical point that many home owners ignore at their own expense. As mentioned in other reviews, this book is a great inspiration for landscape designers and homeowners since it features both large scaled and smaller private gardens. I've read this book several times and gone back to some sections for inspiration for my own garden design.

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An inspirational, photographic tour of eighteen of the world's most beautiful public and private gardens is accompanied by valuable tips on the cacti, succulents, and other native flora suited to arid climates; information on the locations and visiting hours of public gardens; and a comprehensive l

From Booklist Levick's 100 opulent color photographs capture the beauty of 18 private and public desert gardens in southern California. Among them are the garden in the Los Angeles City Zoo (200 species of cacti and other succulents), the Huntington Desert Garden in San Marino (3,000 species), and the Balboa Park Cactus Gardens in San Diego with hundreds of species. Lyons, a much respected drought-tolerant garden designer, gives an informative history of the desert garden from the 1880s (the "cactus craze" era) to the present, and offers readers a personal tour of all 18. He apologizes for the excessive use of botanical names, explaining that many of the plants are so unusual that common names for them do not exist. This beautiful book also includes a garden directory, giving the addresses and visiting hours of the nine gardens open to the public. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Melba Levick is a widely published photographer who has over twenty books to her credit, including Rizzoli's Japanese-Style Gardens of the Pacific West Coast, Beach Houses: From Malibu to Laguna, and Casa California: Spanish-Style Houses from Santa Barbara to San Clemente. Gary Lyons is an internationally recognized drought-tolerant garden designer, scholar, and conservationist. He is the curator of the Desert garden and Desert Plant Collection at the Huntington, a botanic garden consultant to the Los Angeles Zoo, a fellow of the Linnean Society of London, and an author of numerous articles on desert gardens.