

Gardens of Heaven and Earth

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A unique and discursive history of gardens and their significance across a wide range of cultures, *Gardens of Heaven and Earth* explores the meanings behind our efforts to maintain, manipulate and ornament our environment. Drawing particular inspiration from the work of the eighteenth-century Swedish philosopher and mystic Emanuel Swedenborg, this book explores the symbolism of gardens and their use by Swedenborg and by others as a metaphor for a model of heaven. *Gardens of Heaven and Earth* is a lyrical study that investigates the nature of experience, the limitations of language and ideas of the garden as both a relationship to be experienced and as a symbolic language to be read.

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About the Author Kristin King has been a professor of English literature and writing at several institutions of higher learning, most recently at Bryn Athyn College, Pennsylvania, where she is currently president. She is the author of works on Robert Frost, John Milton, William Shakespeare, Henry James, and Emanuel Swedenborg, among others.