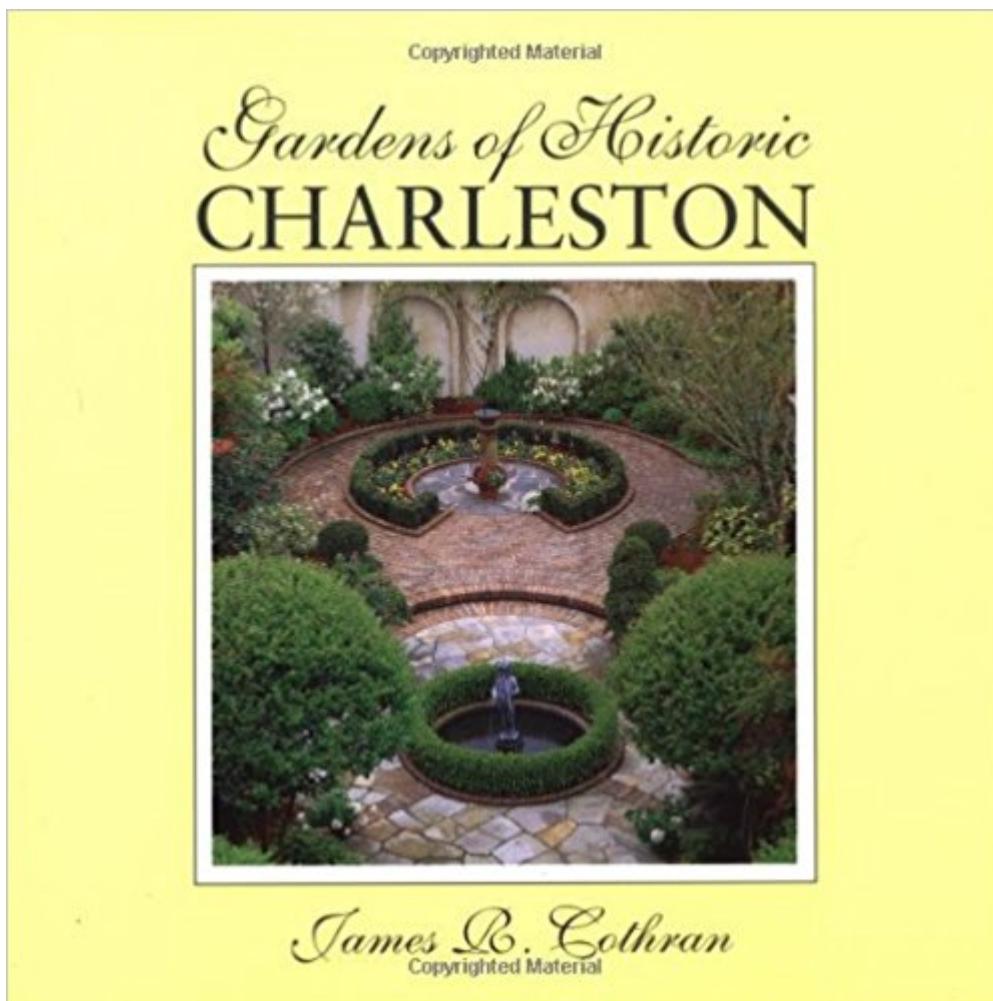


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# Gardens Of Historic Charleston



## **Synopsis**

Landscape architect Cothran recounts the history of small-space gardening in Charleston, South Carolina since colonial times; outlines the enduring principles of integrating house and garden, the maximum use of limited space, enclosure by walls, and ornamental plants; and explains some of the common

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With the increasing interest in small-space gardening, Gardens of Historic Charleston provides a wellspring of ideas for planning or improving a garden of limited expanse. Using these ideas, individuals living in condominiums, townhouses, and cluster homes can create their own small-space sanctuaries and can incorporate the exotic plants that have become synonymous with historic Charleston - not only camellias and azaleas, but also tea olive, wisteria, star jasmine, gardenia, oleander, chaste tree, Lady Banksia rose, crape myrtle, and Carolina jessamine.

This book is a must read for anyone interested in Southern gardens. It is an easy read yet packed with information. Jim Cothran was a landscape architect, a teacher, a gardener and a historian, and these come together in a book that is a guide through some of the many small, often private, gardens of Charleston. Jim leads you through the gardens explaining their history, the design features that make them successful and the plants they contain. His death a few years ago was a great loss to all who are interested in Southern garden history but his books remain, sharing his love

of the gardens and passion for their stories with future students.

If you cherish garden beauty in a small space, then will inspire you. Charleston SC's collection of small gardens are beautifully illustrated in this book with wonderful descriptions of gardens and plants. Who says one can't take a handkerchief sized area and turn it into a spectacular garden? Next to visiting Charleston in person to see their famous pocket gardens, here is a chance to learn about them and their creative designs. A great book for the aspiring gardener.

Lots of great ideas on how to create your own Charleston-inspired hidden garden. My husband loves this book. (he's the gardener). He was thrilled to receive it since we both love visiting Charleston and always oooh and aaah over the beautiful gardens that hide behind the wrought iron gates. I recommend!

I have visited Charleston on numerous occasions and have seen some of the gardens, but some are private and not open to the public. This book enables us to enjoy the gardens we cannot visit. The photography and information are very factual and interesting.

This is a decent reference book with plenty of text about the history of Charleston gardens, however, I was hoping for more pictures of the gardens themselves.

This is one of the best horticultural books of garden plants for Charleston, SC. It really covers the plants you are most likely to see in the historic district of the city. I strongly recommend it.

Outstanding - very good deal! Superb service!

Beautifully written and illustrated on quality paper. If you are a southern gardener, you will not be disappointed. If you do not garden, but live in the south, I believe you would enjoy this book.

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