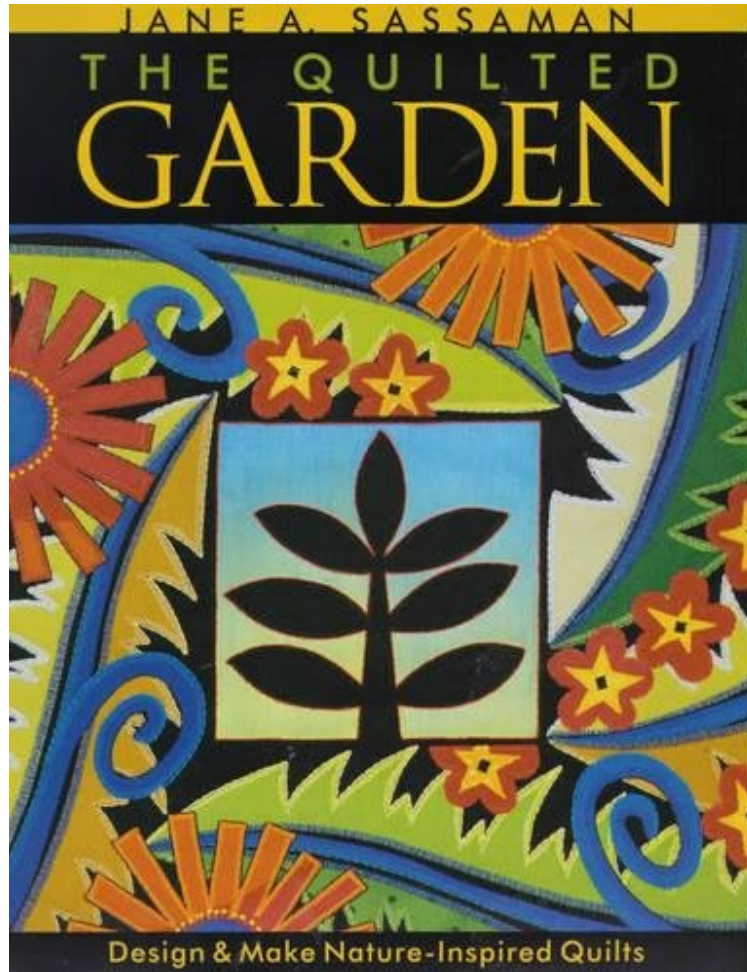


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59 of 59 people found the following review helpful. Her designs and attitude will stretch your imaginationBy Suzanne P. ThomasI bought this book fully aware that Jane's graphic style is completely different from my tendency to favor realistic applique or gentle color washes. I wanted to expand my vision, and this incredible book is everything I hoped for. Unlike some quilt books that focus on a technique and others that focus on the development of a quilt artist over time, this book tackles both.Jane shares her background, introduction to quilting as an artistic medium, her struggles along the way, and the progression of her style, presented both in words and in pictures of her quilts over the years.The last 40% of the book shows you how find your inspirational material, say a dandelion leaf or iris flower, and work with

it to identify its signature characteristics. Using two quilts, Jane shows her two approaches, providing plenty of detail. I'm working with the image of a Christmas cactus (I bought this book during the holiday season). I can tell that it's going to take a while before I get the design to the point where it pleases me enough to start buying fabric and sewing, but it's an enjoyable challenge. I look forward to producing something completely different from anything I've ever done or thought of doing. Even if someone never intended to make a quilt like Jane's, reading this book and studying the pictures is an incredible education. The intense power that leaps from her designs is a challenge to every artist to put more life into every work of art. This is a book I will read many times, marveling at what this woman has created. 31 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Are you ready to create? I am! By Jerilea Hendrick Wow! I had read an article in American Patchwork Magazine about Jane Sassaman and decided to check out her book. After reading the great reviews on line at I decided that I needed to buy this book! After anxiously waiting for the book, I jumped into it and read it the first day I received it! What a whirlwind of color, creativity, design, arrangement, and textiles! If you're looking for a book to use patterns designed by the author or if you lack creativity or imagination then this book is NOT for you! On the other hand if you're looking for a book that will set your mind free of many of the constraints that other quilting books offer than this book is definitely for you! This book shows the growth and development of Sassaman as an artist and quilter. Her path to the beautiful quilt designs she's discovered has taken her 20 years. With the insights in this book and a little practice you can be designing quilts similar in intensity. With this book, Sassaman shares with us her techniques for applique and her ability to step outside of the 'traditional quilt design box' and to make your own rules! Sassaman is a fearless quilter! I cannot wait to start making a quilt with the creative guidance found in this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A book to inspire:) By Linda A book to inspire you I bought the book because I will be taking a workshop with Jane Sassaman in July and I wanted to know something about the process Jane has perfected. Arrived fairly quickly because the bookstore was in the same state as me...

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.com "I want to dazzle the viewer," declares Jane Sassaman, "to snap them out of a mundane routine, and remind them that they are a part of a bigger 'cosmic picture.'" Drawing on the soul-satisfying power of nature, she creates gorgeous quilt art filled with sinuous organic forms splashed with vivid color, often grounded dramatically against black. And dazzle she does, not merely through the multitude of exquisite quilts showcased here, but also through her discussions of what inspires her and through exercises that demonstrate what others can do to find and maintain inspiration at home and in the garden, from establishing a creative workspace to understanding various elements of design, even learning new ways of seeing. Quilters aren't the only ones who can benefit from Sassaman's wisdom; artists in other mediums can learn much from her, too. --Amy Handy About the Author Jane Sassaman is an award-winning quilt artist and teacher whose work has been featured in Threads, FiberArts, and American Craft. She lives in Chicago, Illinois.