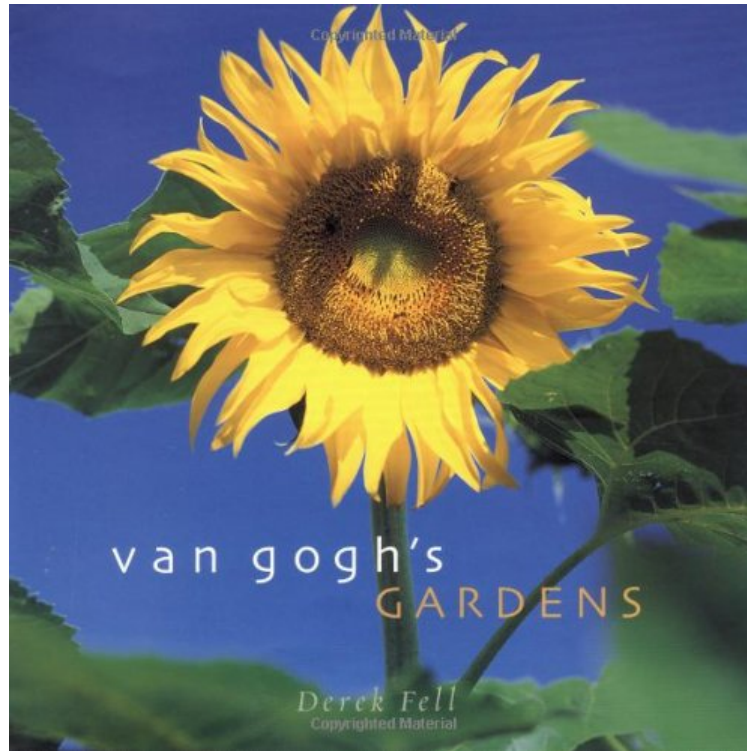


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Derek Fell : Van Gogh's Gardens before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Van Gogh's Gardens:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Artist's DelightBy Kathryn SmithPhotography and an artistic view of the garden by a true gardener. This is the path to paradise for anyone who wants escape from the urban jungle. Even if you can't own a garden, you can imagine your own secret garden with the influence of Vincent Van Gogh.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. For the Artist in the Gardener and the Gardener in the ArtistBy Grady HarpDerek Fell is a fine photographer and a fine writer about things horticultural. In VAN GOGH'S GARDENS he marries these talents and in doing so has produced a unique book that is bound to fascinate lovers of gardens, Van Gogh devotees, art collectors and museum visitors, and just about everyone who delights in understanding the motivations of artists when viewing their subjects.Fell selects particular paintings by Van Gogh then shows the point of inspiration by photographing the areas visited by van Gogh in his lifetime. Yes, there are the ubiquitous sunflowers, comparing the flowers to the canvas versions of them. But there are also the trees that are part of van Gogh's legacy rarely mentioned. His twisted trunks and branches of olive trees side by side with Fell's gorgeous photographs of the particular types of olive trees that inspired the painter create an art course for the astute observer. His lilac bushes/trees that mesmerized the artist are shared as are the many plants the artist interpreted.Balancing fine photography with excellent reproductions of canvases is an art in itself and Derek Fell has created not only a visual splendor but writes with the depth of a horticulturalist's knowledge that makes this beautiful volume all the more seductive. A very fine

addition to the literature on van Gogh. Grady Harp, November 065 of 5 people found the following review helpful.
Award Winning Book By Susan McCoy This lavish book of lush photographs has won Derek Fell another award - the Garden Globe Award for Best Photographer from the Garden Writers Association of America. Derek was one of only five individuals selected out of a field of more than 300 entries to receive a 2002 Garden Globe Award for work produced during 2001. This award could easily make Derek the winner of more awards from Garden Writers than any other garden communicator. The book was selected by a panel of garden communication experts - some Pulitzer Prize winners themselves -- who look for the best books, magazines, writers and photographers in the country. This book is more than a collection of beautiful photographs. Derek uses the painter's personal interpretations, color theory and painting techniques to inspire you to re-create van Gogh's breathtaking paintings in your own backyard. Derek even includes tips on creating the picture perfect van Gogh garden of your own, complete with a list of van Gogh's favorite plants. To view all the Garden Globe Awards...

An award-winning photographer and writer brings alive Van Gogh's brilliant and innovative ideas about gardens and nature by showing us how he painted them and what his theories look like when recreated in real gardens of today. Of the passions driving Vincent Van Gogh's extraordinary art, one of the greatest was his abiding preoccupation with flowers, gardens and the natural landscape. Living in poverty, however, he was never able to translate the breathtaking visions on his canvas into an actual garden. Now, thanks to Derek Fell's marvellous images, insightful writing and reverent adherence to Van Gogh's original botanical ideas, Van Gogh's gardens have finally come to brilliant life. Drawing inspiration from his dazzling paintings of sunflowers, irises and Provencal landscapes as well as from the eloquent letters he wrote to his brother and sister about colour harmonics and planting ideas, Fell has lovingly created and photographed the living embodiment of Van Gogh's singular reflections on colour and nature. More than 130 original colour photographs show the roots of his ideas in the French landscape today and reveal exactly how those ideas will look in our own backyards, including contemporary gardens that embrace such unconventional, Van Gogh-inspired pairings as geraniums with poppies and heliotrope with roses. The book also showcases twenty of the master's most stunning paintings of landscapes and flowers.

"Part slapstick, part historical vignette and part feminist anthem." About the Author Derek Fell, a photographer and writer, is the author of more than 50 books, with more than 2.5 million copies in print, including THE IMPRESSIONIST GARDEN, SECRETS OF MONETS GARDEN and IMPRESSIONIST BOUQUETS. He was born and educated in England and now lives in Pennsylvania.