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Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House Garden

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Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House Garden is the first book in over two decades devoted to the most important garden designer of the twentieth century.

Gertrude Jekyll (1843–1932) laid the basis for modern garden design and is credited with popularizing an informal, naturalistic look in counterpoint to the rigid, formal landscapes of the Victorian era. Her collaboration with Edwin Lutyens produced seminal garden masterpieces of the Arts & Crafts movement, including Hestercombe and Folly Farm.
Also known as a prolific and influential writer, Jekyll contributed more than one hundred articles to *Country Life* and designed three gardens for the publication's founder, Edward Hudson. As a result, the *Country Life* archive has an unrivaled record of her work. This book includes a combination of both archival black-and-white and contemporary color photographs highlighting a selection of the more than 350 gardens Jekyll created.

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