

gardener's book nook

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I enjoyed reading "The Victorian Kitchen Garden" (Jennifer Davies (Norton \$11.95), and learned how walled gardens on English estates were planted and cared for in the 19th century. The book traces the details of steps taken to restore such a garden in England's Berkshire County, using plants, tools and techniques from that era. What was built to utilize the full benefit of the warmth of the sun and fruits and vegetables, herbs and flowers were planted in the best spot for that purpose. Fruit trees were espaliered against the walls and box was the preferred edging plant for paths.

There were buildings for the many procedures required to make the garden function — storage for vegetables and fruits, glass houses to force plants to produce when the estate owner demanded and tool sheds. Even pest control is covered.

AN INGENIOUS WAY to preserve grapes for as long as three months was to pick them with a stem intact, put the stem into a bottle of water to which charcoal had been added (to keep it sweet), with the bunch of grapes hanging on the outside.

Photographs and drawings are nice additions. A sense of adventure and history are all rolled up in the volume. It would be a good Father's Day selection.

"The Garden Primer," an award-winning book by Barbara Damrosch (Wickman Publishing \$16.95 paper, \$24.95 cloth), begins with the basics of good gardening such as site and tools. This is followed by chapters devoted to planting and caring for flowers, vegetables, herbs, vines, shrubs and houseplants.

A lot of valuable information for both novice and experienced gardeners is packed into the excellent book. I like the way the author uses her first-hand experience to explain the hows and whys. As Damrosch says, "The green side is always up."

The cross-indexing makes a specific subject or plant easy to find. This book will become a much-used reference guide.

AS I LOOKED at the photographs and read the text of "American Gardens," Peter Loewer (Simon and Schuster, \$35) I began to understand that finally Americans have "come into their own" in designing and maintaining gardens to suit the variety of lifestyles and different climates of the United States.

Reading "American Gardens" make you realize how much the skills, intuition and love of growing plants has moved on still further. All the gardens featured, except one, are privately owned — from small to large. Some owners had assistance with the design; others accomplished their goals alone — truly the American way. This book will inspire all who read it to follow with no restrictions, only joy.

One garden featured in our zone (6) was planted by Jesus Jensen. It is now restored and is simply beautiful!

Autographing books

Doron P. Levin will be at the Birmingham Bookstore at 4 p.m. Saturday to autograph copies of his book "Irreconcilable Differences: Ross Perot Versus General Motors."

Levin is Detroit bureau chief of the New York Times. Articles he

wrote about General Motors and Ross Perot for the Wall Street Journal were nominated for Pulitzer Prize. His current book is an outgrowth of the author's earlier work for the Wall Street Journal. Birmingham Bookstore is at 263 Pierce, Birmingham.

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