Monets Passion: Ideas, Inspiration, and Insights from the Painters Gardens by Elizabeth Murray

Murray's Book Is The Next Best Thing To Being There.

In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the first publication of Monets Passion: Ideas, Inspiration, and Insights from the Painters Gardens, this completely revised edition of Elizabeth Murrays best-selling book offers new text, new images, and new garden plans based on Claude Monets spectacular gardens at Giverny. A professional gardener and artist, Murray helped to restore the Giverny gardens in the 1980s and has since enjoyed privileged access to the site, where she returns annually to capture Monets passion at its most radiant and riotous. In this redesigned, updated edition, Murray discusses the development and history of Monets Giverny estate and brings new insight to Monets approach to gardening and design. Emphasizing his keen understanding of color balance and his genius for maximizing the effects of light, Murray explores the favorite color combinations and techniques with which Monet experimented in both painting and gardening--each pursuit informing the other. Murrays lush photographs chronicle the present-day gardens, and a section titled Bringing Giverny Home provides detailed Giverny-based garden plans that can be applied anywhere. Full-color illustrations of the gardens, a list of the plants originally used by Monet, and a plant cultivation section round out this immensely helpful guide to creating year-round beauty in ones own backyard. 140 pages with over 75 color photographs, along with color garden plans, transparent overlays for garden designs, and historical photographs. Size: 8.75 x 8.75 inches. Smyth-sewn casebound book with ribbon marker and jacket.

My Personal Review:
If there is anyone who "gets it" completely about the beauty of the earth, it's Elizabeth Murray. This book, just like its title suggests, is filled not only with ideas, inspiration and insights from the painter's gardens, but also suggestions on how one might fill one's own life with color, abundance, and beauty. Murray sets a good example for us all with her own passion
for color and light, and deep appreciation for visioning, hard work, and perseverance as illustrated in both her writing and photography. This book would be a wonderful gift for any gardener or yourself!

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