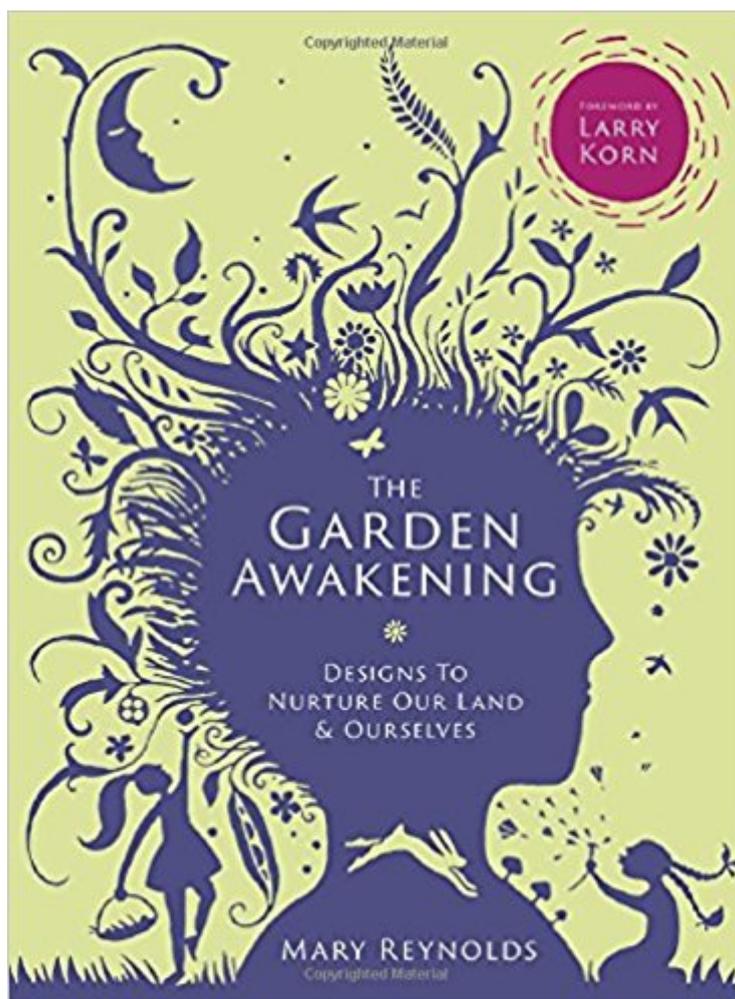


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# The Garden Awakening: Designs To Nurture Our Land And Ourselves



## Synopsis

An award-winning garden designer's unique union of a practical how-to book with stories and philosophy. *The Garden Awakening* is a step-by-step manual to creating a garden in harmony with the life force in the earth, addressing not only what the people in charge of the land want but also asking what the land wants to become. Mary Reynolds demonstrates how to create a groundbreaking garden that is not simply a solitary space but an expanding, living, interconnected ecosystem. Drawing on old Irish ways and methods of working with the land, this beautiful book is both art and inspiration for any garden lover seeking to create a positive, natural space.

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## Customer Reviews

I rarely buy new books. Instead, I purchase them used or borrow them from the library. Anyway, I came across a discussion of Mary Reynold's book (which sold out months ago in the UK before it arrived in the US) on a garden blog and was intrigued. An edible wild forest garden in the backyard? Was that even possible? Mary Reynolds is extremely creative and has strong opinions (is passionate) about what is right and wrong in our landscape. I agree with most of her opinions, which is probably why the book appealed to me in the first place. Reynolds gives us one solution to fix our yard's monoculture that no longer supports anything but the chemical companies (pesticides and herbicides) and the combustible engine. While this is not the first time most of us have heard mankind is wiping out the wild and replacing it with buildings and lawns, I think Mary Reynolds' book brings an imaginative solution to fix this problem. Cons? I live in Texas and Ms.

Reynolds lives in Ireland, which are two extremely different cultures. Ms. Reynolds's blessing of the land and a few other practices might not go over well with some Texans and while I think the book's basic concepts are translatable to any landscape, one has to be as imaginative as Ms. Reynolds to find a comparable solution to landscaping a home in south or west Texas as it would be difficult (even out of place) to create a forest there. Still, if you adhere to Ms. Reynolds's premise of listening to what the land wants, then your west or south Texas yard would consist of scrub brush and/or cacti, which for some folks, is just fine. Overall, I think this is a book worth having.

Subversive in the best way, a new way to approach nature. Great book.

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