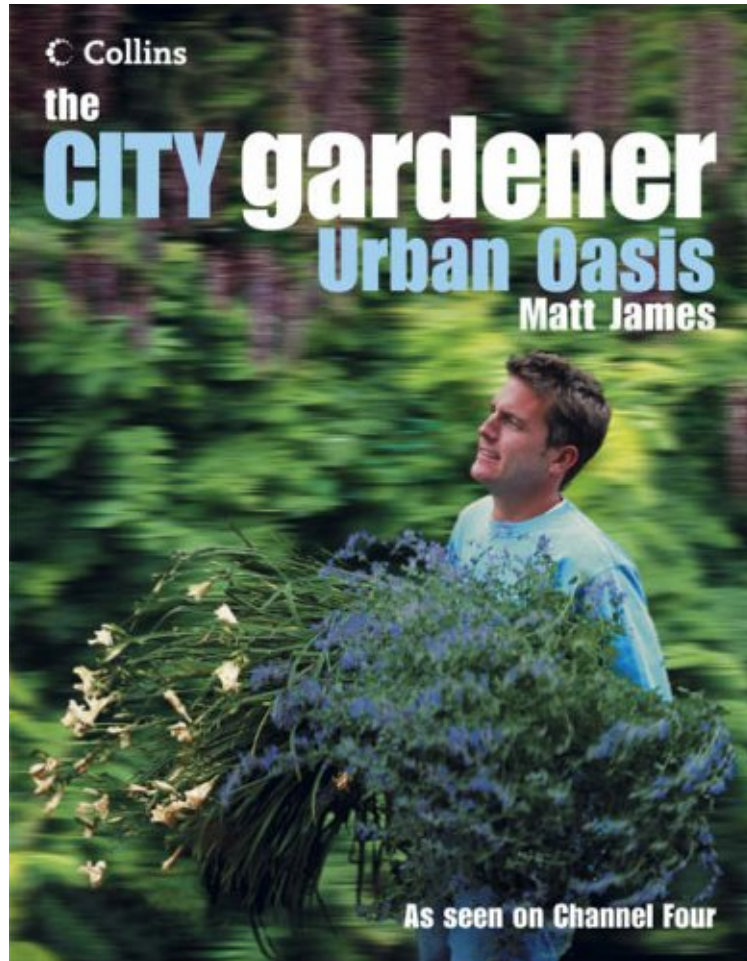


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Matt James : The City Gardener: Urban Oasis before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The City Gardener: Urban Oasis:

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book. The books are essentially about amalgamating the concepts of gardening and design, so Matt not only aims to give you knowledge of plants, shrubs and trees, but also asks you to consider how you might use them, how they can fulfill your gardening and lifestyle needs. He designs everything from the slightest balcony of a flat to sizeable victorian terrace gardens. The principles are of use outside of the UK, people want a natural life in urban spaces the world over and this demonstrates our innate need for the outdoor life! I note this page asks for applicants for Matt's next garden makeover TV series and I would encourage anyone outside the UK, who is looking for a garden design and makeover, to apply. This Bloke REALLY knows what he is doing and what he is taking about and his writing style reflects his personality well, (at least if his TV self is real!) he is passionate but relaxed and easy going. Maybe I'm biased too but I think British Gardeners are amongst some of the best!

Channel 4's The City Gardener, Matt James, is back with a new series and a new book, full of practical advice and design inspiration to turn your weed-filled wasteland into the hippest urban playground on the block!* Where to start -- in this first section Matt gets straight down to business, providing practical answers to the question all first-time gardeners ask, 'where on earth do I start?!', including: how to carry out a site survey, deciding what style of garden you want and how to reflect your lifestyle in the design, where to buy plants and how to spot a good one.; Making the skeleton -- this is where we begin to get creative and learn how to plan out a garden, starting with the bare bones of the basic structure and moving onto how to hard landscape your design, turning theory into practice* The Range of Plants -- an introduction to the different plant types and how each can be used to combat an urban-specific problem like noise pollution, or create a particular effect, such as lending architectural form or providing seasonal interest; Putting It All Together -- this is where Matt shows how to bring together everything you've learnt about planning, hard landscaping and plants to create sensational planting layouts; specific topics covered include using height and space, colour, texture and scent, and planting styles such as prairie, formal and exotic, to create the garden you want* Plant Directory -- a problem-solving look at the best plants for particular places and conditions e. g. plants for damp spots, shady corners, specific soil types and garden aspect

From BooklistHost of The City Gardener, a British TV series, James lives in a London high-rise and he gardens on his balcony. His attractive book is intended to help beginners create gardens in small spaces. James writes that it is important first to evaluate the amount of sun and shade the site will get, then to work with the proper soil mixture. He offers advice on choosing the correct design and surface materials, on privacy and screening, on making use of levels, on picking garden furniture, and on creating a sense of tranquility. He recommends a variety of annuals and perennials and describes their colors, scents, and shapes, and demonstrates how some can be grown in pots and hanging baskets. Another fine feature: lovely color photographs appear throughout this helpful book. George CohenCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Praise for The City Gardener:"May inspire the most unlikely horticulturalists to take to their barren patch of earth with grand ideas of Yorkshire-stone paving and pergolas in the claps of amorous vines." - The Guardian"utterly accessible and full of sound advice for the complete beginner... you'll soon be set to create a piece of heaven in Hackney or Hulme, without a Titchmarsh -style cardigan in sight" - HeatAbout the AuthorMatt James is the fresh new face of contemporary gardening and star of the hit Channel 4 series The City Gardener. His gardening career began as a teenager working on a small farm, and he then went on to study at various horticultural colleges and work at nurseries. As well as broadcaster, he is currently a professional garden designer and lecturer. Matt's greatest passion as a gardener is trees -- he is a genuine, 21st-century tree hugger and has made it his mission in life to get as many cityfolk as possible planting trees again!