

Mediterranean Landscape Design

Vernacular Contemporary

Louisa Jones

Human beings have been transforming Mediterranean landscapes into art for at least thirty thousand years. Today's artists, sculptors, designers, architects and gardeners explore age-old vernacular materials, skills and sites to produce extraordinary landscape art that affirms an ideal of partnership with nature while celebrating layers of living in this multifaceted region. Each work observes the logic of place as determined by climate, geology, flora and fauna, architecture and land use. Illustrated with hundreds of exceptional photographs by award-winning photographer Clive Nichols, and drawing on nearly forty years of exploration by Louisa Jones, this book offers a fresh vision of the Mediterranean, past and future, linking cultural diversity and natural balance as discovered in its gardens, landscape design, literature, art and architecture.

Key Sales Information

- A spectacular survey of site-specific works by contemporary landscape architects, designers, artists, sculptors and gardeners who have taken inspiration from the ancient landscapes of the Mediterranean region.
- Includes well-known designers such as Heidi Gildemeister, Mary Keen, Arnaud Maurières and Eric Ossart, Jacqueline Morabito, Paolo Pejrone and Nicole de Vésian, as well as land artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, Ian Hamilton Finlay and herman de vries.
- Glorious locations include the romantic landscaped ruins of Ninfa in Italy; hidden gardens in Venice; a 'lichen boulevard' in the Ardèche mountains; trees turned into sculptures in Provence; hardscaping in southern Morocco; and the quarries at Bibémus that once inspired Paul Cézanne.
- 265 colour photographs of breathtaking gardens and landscapes, practitioners at work, and closeups of exquisite planting.
- Divided into eleven sections built around themes such as stoneworks, earthworks, woodworks and seascapes
- Complete with a listing of useful contact details for practitioners and sites to visit.

Author

Louisa Jones has lived in southern France for nearly forty years. She is the author of many books on gardens and landscape, including *Kitchen Gardens of France*, *The French Country Garden*, *Reinventing the Garden* and *The Garden Visitor's Companion*. Clive Nichols is one of the world's most successful flower and garden photographers, and in 2005 was voted Garden Photographer of the Year by the Garden Writers Guild.



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