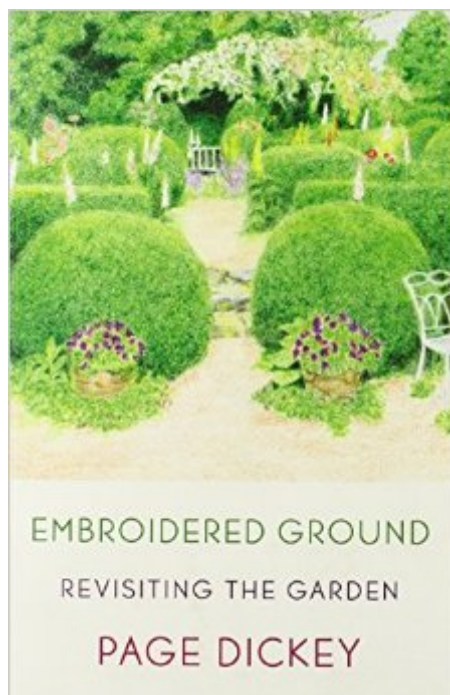


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Embroidered Ground: Revisiting The Garden



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In *Embroidered Ground: Revisiting the Garden*, the acclaimed author and garden designer Page Dickey writes of the pitfalls, challenges, successes, and myriad pleasures of the twenty-nine year process of creating her own remarkable garden, Duck Hill, in upstate New York. This winning book details the evolution of one especially loved and cared-for space: its failed schemes and realized dreams, and the wisdom gained in contending with an ever-evolving work of art. The author shares her very personal views on what contributes to a garden's success—structure, fragrance, the play of light and shadow, patterns and textures, multiseasonal plants. She writes of gardening with a husband, with wildlife, with dogs and chickens. And she grapples with how to adapt her garden—as we can adapt ours—to change in the years ahead.

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"Embroidered Ground is perfect spring reading. Page Dickey is passionate about her garden centered life, even to indoor bouquets...summer phlox, white clethra and sprays of green cherry tomatoes. She writes to share, inspire and energize a person like me!

Page Dickey, when she visits a garden, writes that "she thrills to evidence of passion, a clarity of purpose, imagination, and humor". That is what I found in this book, which is informative, engaging, and a pleasure to read. She alerted my senses and heightened my appreciation of each flower, shrub, and even the weeds in my garden. Diana Harding

This a great book for any gardener, from a novice like myself to an expert. The book is written in a way where you can skip from section to section in no particular order. Making it a great bedtime read. Page shares her own thoughts about gardening, reflecting on successes, mistakes, and the lifetime process of creating a garden. Whenever I read a few pages I find myself eyeing my frozen Connecticut flower beds...longingly looking for signs of spring.

This was a good read, more detail about specific plants than I was interested in. It would've helped to either to have pictures or references in the back so as to aid in visualizing what she was describing. It helped me loosen up, face issues of aging, getting tired of certain features of my garden, recognize the urge to plant too much--in other words, I related to her personal journey more than the descriptions of the plants.

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