## Garden Culture in Ming Dynasty China: Envisioning Asia

#### By Ronald G. Knapp

Garden Culture in Ming Dynasty China: Envisioning Asia is a groundbreaking study of the development of garden culture in China during the Ming dynasty (1368-1644). The book explores the ways in which gardens were used to express the social, political, and cultural values of the Ming elite.



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Knapp draws on a wide range of sources, including garden manuals, travelogues, paintings, and literature, to present a comprehensive picture of Ming garden culture. He shows how gardens were used to create idealized landscapes that reflected the values of the literati elite. These landscapes were often filled with rocks, trees, water, and pavilions, and were designed to provide a place for contemplation and relaxation.

Knapp also explores the role of gardens in Ming society. Gardens were used to entertain guests, to celebrate special occasions, and to display wealth and status. They were also used to educate the young and to promote the values of the literati elite.

Garden Culture in Ming Dynasty China: Envisioning Asia is a beautifully illustrated and well-written book that will appeal to scholars of Chinese history, art history, and landscape architecture. It is also a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of gardens and their role in society.

#### Reviews

"Garden Culture in Ming Dynasty China: Envisioning Asia is a major contribution to the study of Chinese garden culture. Knapp's meticulous research and insightful analysis shed new light on the development of gardens during this important period in Chinese history."—Craig Clunas, author of Fruitful Sites: Garden Culture in Ming Dynasty China

"Knapp's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of Chinese gardens. It is a beautifully written and richly illustrated volume that provides a comprehensive overview of the development of garden culture in Ming dynasty China."—Joseph Needham, author of Science and Civilization in China

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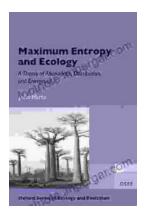
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