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This book does a wonderful job of showcasing the versatility of this type of garden. . . . This book will appeal to the garden artist seeking inspiration. It will also benefit landscape designers and installation crews. (Portland Book Review)

[O]ffers a source of inspiration, and a starting point, for the opportunities that green walls present within a garden. (Garden Design Journal)

[T]he text is sure to inspire gardeners of all levels working with vertical spaces in diverse locations and of varied sizes. (Reference & Research Book News)

[W]ill appeal to lovers of houseplants as well as outdoor ornamental gardeners. It also has ideas geared to the kitchen garden.... The gardener concerned with space limitations, landscaper looking to add the appeal of vertical components, and amateur eager to try new growing ideas will all find something of interest in this book. (ForeWord)

Vialard provides clear instructions on how to assemble striking combinations of plants and construct the necessary framework to encourage climbing and clinging. (Landscape Architecture Magazine)

About the Author

Noémie Vialard is a journalist and passionate writer about nature, plants?wild and cultivated?natural gardens and green cuisine. She gardens, ecologically of course, in Brittany.

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