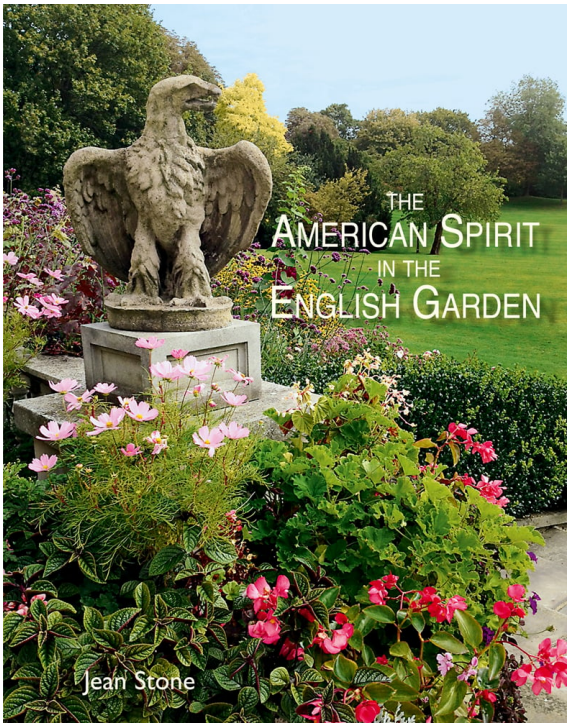
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- A unique insight into the introduction of new plant species from America, and their subsequent impact on garden design in England, as well as a comprehensive collection of some of the most beautifully landscaped parks and gardens across England, by American designers

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The American Spirit in the English Garden is unique in bringing together the story of the first influx of American plant species and an important collection of gardens influenced and/or created by Americans, reflecting social history and often overlooked links between Britain and the United States of America.

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