



**Ars Botanica**  
**Paper Gardens in the Miramare Library**  
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- This volume reveals the treasure of books on botany, flowers, plants and gardens, kept in the library of the Miramare Castle, in northern Italy
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The library of the Miramare Castle reveals for the first time its treasure chest of books on botany, flowers, plants and gardens.

The rich collection, steeped in the spirit of the 19th century, reflects in the living garden surrounding the castle. A creation at once natural, artificial and artistic, the garden of archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Habsburg and his consort Charlotte of Belgium embodies an ideal of perfection, beauty and relationship with nature.

The botanical library is a garden on paper that guides along a path of dreams and meditations born in a cultivated, aristocratic salon of the 19th century.

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