



Famous Chinese Gardens (Centenary Edition)

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Chinese gardens distinguish themselves from other gardens in the world by successfully integrating architecture, painting, calligraphy, and literature with garden design. Each classical Chinese garden has its own unique style. This book explores the design and characteristics of some of the most famous classical gardens in China through a wealth of photographs and matching verses.

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