



Rooted in the Hood

An Intimate Portrait of New York City's Community Gardens

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- This book will be of interest to travellers, visitors, artists, muralists, urban gardeners, ecologists, historians, urban anthropologists, architects, and lovers of New York City
- A stunning and eclectic selection of photographs

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is a photo essay celebrating the community gardens of New York City and the people who create, cultivate, and enjoy them. The late 60s and 70s witnessed the devastation of New York City, with many buildings in low-income areas left unattended, burned, and reduced to rubble. Drug dealers, gangs, and junkies soon moved in making those neighbourhoods unsafe to live.

This book is about ordinary people, dreamers, and visionaries rising against these unsafe conditions by clearing empty lots, planting trees and vegetables, and slowly creating small havens for the community. By drawing attention to these local gardens, the book brings awareness to the importance of green spaces, not only in New York City, but across the country and around the world.

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