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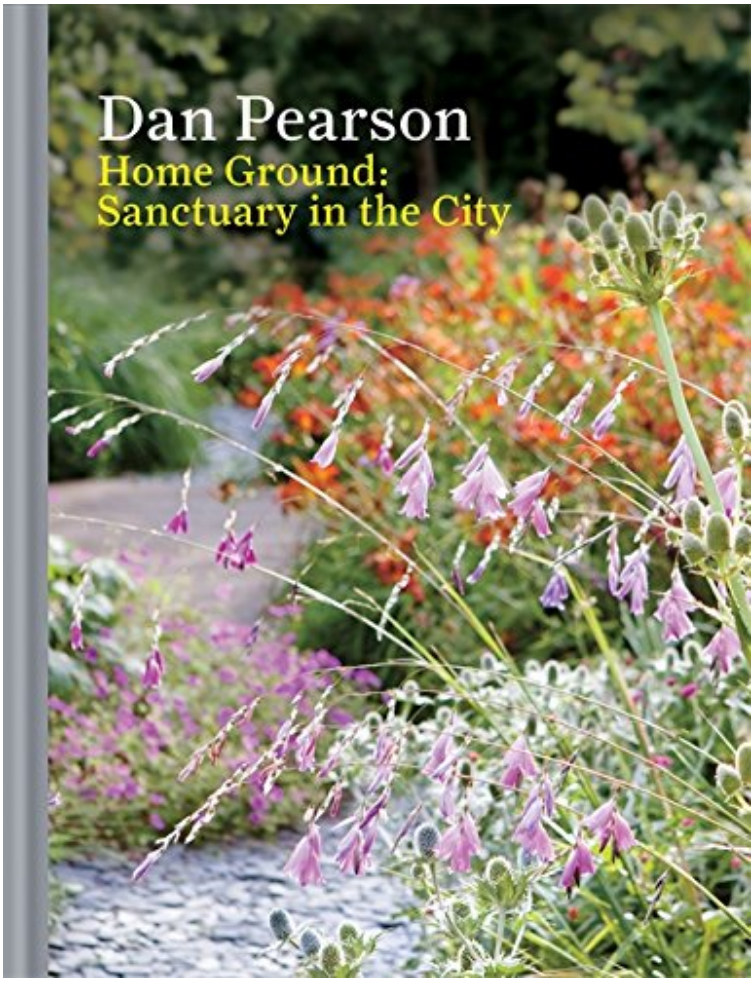

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Dan Pearson : Home Ground: Sanctuary in the City before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Home Ground: Sanctuary in the City:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A personal love letter to the author's gardenBy Wiltshire BookwormDan Pearson is one of our most accomplished and innovative of our garden designers today. He's also a most accomplished garden writer: I've already reviewed Spirit: Garden Inspiration, his previous book to this one and I love his regular column in The Observer.I've often wondered what Pearson's own garden must be like and in this book we finally get an insight. It doesn't disappoint, especially as Howard Sooley has taken a remarkable set of photographs to accompany the prose. I loved the delightful little plant close ups sprinkled in the margins of the book as well as the more usual single and double page spreads.We're treated to a year in the life of Pearson's garden. If you're expecting a designery kind of tome, you'll be disappointed. This is more about one man's approach to his garden, getting the feel of the soil and how and why certain decisions were made. This is a man who thinks deeply about his garden and takes his

time. It's a heartfelt and personal volume and is much richer as a result.It also turns out to be a final 'love letter' to the author's garden as soon after the book was written, Pearson decided to move from London to an area very close to where I live. I hope that sometime I might get to glimpse this new garden for real.NB This book was first reviewed on .co.uk

Ten years ago Dan Pearson found an extremely rare, large, neglected city plot and set out to design and create a garden space all of his own. Arranged by seasons, Dan shares the challenges of gardening his city plot in a romantic and beautifully written series of diary-like essays, documenting the horticultural tasks required and sharing his successes and failures on the way. Written and photographed in 'real time' this book documents an urban garden and gardener at work, bringing the experience of gardening to life and offering a unique insight into the work and thoughts of the one of the world's most respected garden designers.

"Dan has a way of making me look at plants, and the garden in which they live, with a fresh eye. His approach to my small, urban garden gently challenged my ideas of both design and planting. The result has enriched my life more than I ever thought a garden could. Dan had worked his quiet magic." Nigel SlaterAbout the AuthorDan Pearson is an influential landscape and garden designer with an international reputation for design and planting excellence. Dan trained at the RHS Garden, Wisley, and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, before starting his professional career as a designer in 1987. His London-based practice Dan Pearson Studio now handles a wide range of projects internationally for private and public clients. Dan is the weekly gardening columnist for The Observer Magazine, and has presented and appeared in TV series on BBC2, Channel 4 and Channel 5, and has designed five award winning Chelsea Flower Show Gardens.