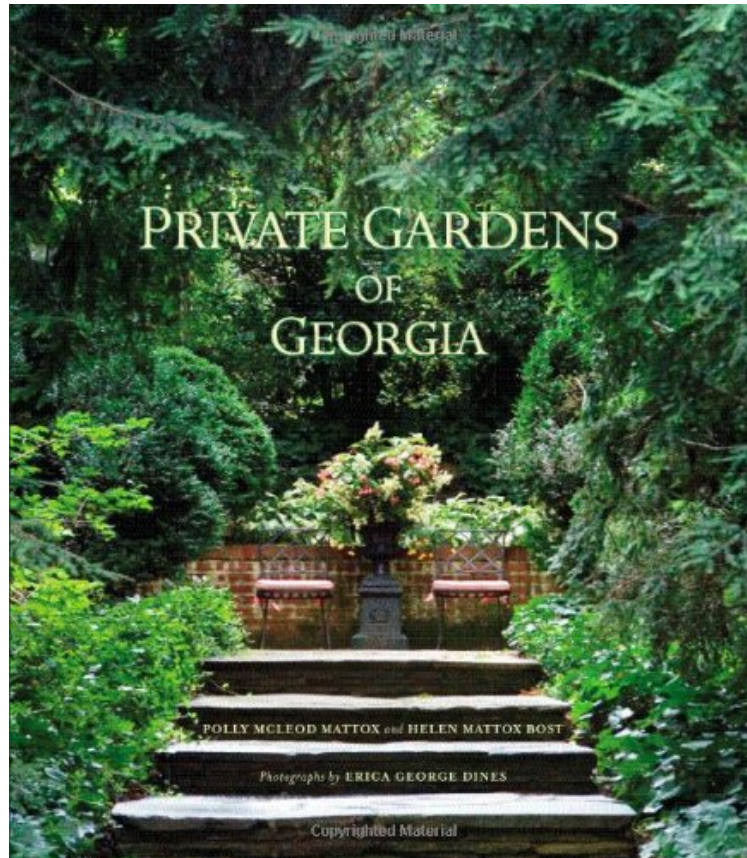


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**Polly McLeod Mattox, Helen Mattox Bost : Private Gardens of Georgia** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Private Gardens of Georgia:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Buy It For the Photos, Not the Text  
By Customer I bought this book because the garden showcases on birds and blooms magazine, southern living, and country gardens are my favorite parts of the magazines and because I used to live in Georgia and I miss it terribly. Although I will admit, the photos in this book are gorgeous, it left me cold. For one thing, every garden included is more like an "estate" garden instead of a "home" garden and every one was a completely formal look instead of a mix. The gardens were so homogeneous that if you weren't paying attention you can easily miss where one garden ends and another begins. Also, one of the things I like most in reading about a gardener's story is the personal feel that the gardener is showing me around the garden. I like the quotes about the the successes and failures of a labor of love. With these gardens, you get the feel that owners hired landscapers to make them the grandest possible garden to keep up with the Joneses. There's no love, no joy, no enthusiasm, no personal connection. This is going back.  
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By Ken After a quick review of books that exploit the topic of local gardens as exhibits of what can be done with a lot of hard work and good planning, we discovered this one. As a southern gardner, anyone

should gain insight and ideas of what makes a garden not only great, but great to look at. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The photos and text are excellent, whether you are simply doing a virtual walk ...By Leslie DimitA divine book-very well done. The photos and text are excellent, whether you are simply doing a virtual walk through or using it for ideas for your own plantings. This mother/daughter team is obviously in the know and truly generous in sharing so much with their readers.

The Private Gardens of Georgia is a tour of thirty of the most beautiful gardens across Georgia, and shows how each has evolved into a place of charm and tranquility. These private oases illustrate unique plant and terrain differences at all seasons of the year and reveal the unique diversity found from the mountains to the piedmont and south Georgia, to the coast and the Golden Isles. Along with a brief history of each garden is fascinating information on the extensive diversity of plant materials that are suitable not only to these regions of Georgia, but to other areas in the southeastern United States.

From the Inside Flap  
In Private Gardens of Georgia, you are invited for a tour of thirty of the most beautiful gardens across Georgia. From the mountains to the piedmont in south Georgia, to the coast and the Golden Isles, these unique gardens abound with radiant color and elegance. Also included are a brief history of each garden's evolution and, in many instances, comments by the owners about their designs and choice of plant materials. Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River and has a rich and varied geography. This terrain supports a diverse mix of botanical species, which Georgia's gardeners have used to full advantage. In addition to seeing these treasured private spaces, you can learn invaluable tips for your own garden plans, as well as how to incorporate architectural elements such as potting sheds, greenhouses, fencing, gazebos, and more. Polly McLeod Mattox is a native South Carolinian who has spent most of her married life in Georgia, where her daughter and coauthor, Helen Mattox Bost, was born. Mother and daughter are interior designers and share a deep appreciation of southern gardens. Helen is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Erica George Dines is an Atlanta photographer who specializes in gardens, interiors, architecture, and portrait photography. She is a regular contributor to regional and national lifestyle publications. Jacket photos 2008 Erica George Dines Jacket design by Sarah Bolles  
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