



The Collectors Garden

by Ken Druse.

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Originally printed in 1996 by Clarkson Potter
of New York.

Divided into forty chapters, including an index
and suggestions for further reading.

I love to read British books and magazines
about their gardens. I am jealous of their
garden scheme where gardeners open their
properties for the public to visit. So it was
particularly refreshing to find a book written
about gardens in the United States.

The photography is spectacular and the plant
descriptions follow the British writing tradition
of using Latin names for plants. The book
describes collections and is divided into the
sections of Hunter, Missionaries, Specialists
and Aesthetes.

Although dated, it is an excellent book to
read. Some of the mentioned gardeners are

no longer with us such as Harold Epstein who introduced *Hakonechloa macra* "Aureola". This is
a favorite grass of mine.

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