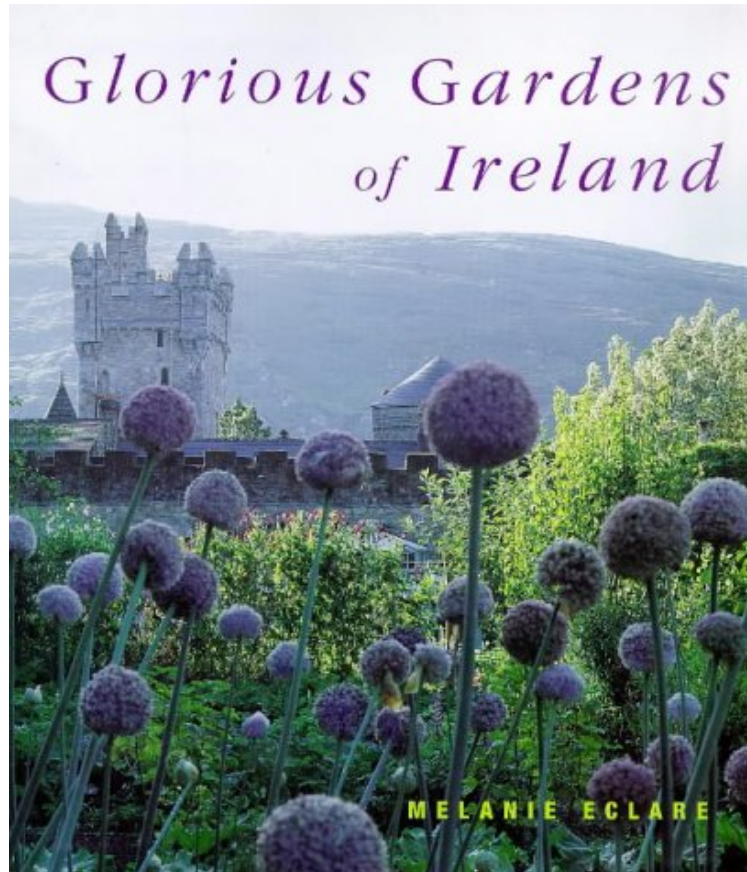


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A photographic celebration of the beauty and character of Irish gardens and a paeon to the people who create and maintain them. Melanie Eclare's own extensive knowledge of gardening has been used to encourage the gardeners to provide accounts of each garden's history through their own perspective.

From BooklistEclare ushers readers into spectacular Irish garden settings, and, as garden lovers might expect, a visit to Helen Dillon's celebrated Dublin garden is a must. Eclare tells an amusing story about her first visit to the horticultural doyenne's domicile, during which she nearly trampled the plants with a ladder used for photographing. Personal asides such as this imbue the warmly written vignettes of gardeners and their beloved gardens with a beguilingly intimate tone. Equally captivating are the book's gorgeous photographs of plants, beautiful stonework, outstanding statuary, and the voluptuous floral compositions that adorn Ireland's great castle estates, rural herb growers, country guest houses,

and quaint cottages. Alice Joyce Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From the Publisher "Glorious Gardens of Ireland" is not only a celebration of the extraordinary diversity and beauty of Irish gardens, but also a paean to those who create and tend them. In more than 200 ravishing color photographs, Melanie Eclare shows us the best of them--from the sumptuous potagers of the Ballymaloe Cookery School to the secret gardens that lie hidden in the Georgian back streets of Dublin. Her reputation for stunning photography, as well as her extensive knowledge of plants and design, encouraged the gardeners to reveal their own stories, recorded here with lively candor. Eclare's privileged access leads us right to the heart of these gardens, making "Glorious Gardens of Ireland" one of the most vibrant and intimate books ever published on the subject. About the Author Melanie Eclare left London to become a gardener. Her passion for garden photography was inspired after she was awarded the Merlin Trust scholarship for young gardeners. Today she is one of Britain's foremost garden photographers and her work is featured regularly in Gardens Illustrated, House Garden, Country Life and The Saturday Times and The Saturday Telegraph. She was the gardens photographer for A Year at Ballymaloe Cookery School (Kyle Cathie).