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**\*Starred Review\*** Imaginative pruning and shaping of living plants can create landscapes, evoke far off places and memories, . . . surprise and even shock, with interconnected species resulting not in defined categories but rather a family tree, or a map of a river system of endless tributaries, flood plains . . . or . . . some vast web of interconnected strands. In smoothly flowing, evocative text, Hobson introduces recent approaches to topiary, ranging from an amateur's gravity-free South Carolina garden to the professionally developed, extraordinary topiary in the French Marqueyssac Garden, captured poetically in the early morning fog. Deciduous hedges segue from screens to architecture: arches forming gateways, buttresses creating seating bays, crenellated battlements defining fortifications, and sophisticated, bare-trunked, raised hedges elegantly lining a garden thoroughfare. Hobson presents examples of Asian aesthetics that involved microcosms of nature created without removing plants from their natural state, as with Western pruning, but instead manipulating and enhancing that natural state. A love affair with living sculpture, this coffee-table book exceeds expectations with how-to diagrams, tips on maintenance and tools, and a list of references accompanying genuinely breathtaking full-color photos. --Whitney Scott

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"Written with passion, verve, and a dash of dry wit, this title will inspire any gardener who wants to understand the how and why of creative pruning before picking up the shears and hacking off branches."  
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"The book is lovely as well as thought-provoking." —***Pittsburgh Post Gazette***

"For fabulous ideas and late-winter inspiration, especially as we venture into our gardens wielding shears and pole pruners, Hobson's book is just the ticket." —***Connecticut Horticultural Society Newsletter***

### About the Author

Jake Hobson draws upon years of experience with Japanese gardens and landscaping. He spent a year at a nursery in Osaka, and in 2004 started his own business—Niwaki, which distributes Japanese garden tools. A keen observer of the artistry of gardens, Hobson received his bachelor's degree in sculpture. He lives in the UK.

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