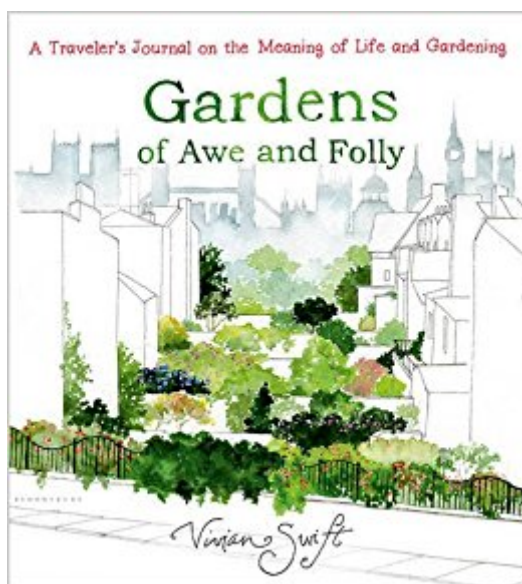


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# Gardens Of Awe And Folly: A Traveler's Journal On The Meaning Of Life And Gardening



## Synopsis

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Vivian Swift is the author of *When Wanderers Cease to Roam: A Traveler's Journal of Staying Put* and *Le Road Trip: A Traveler's Journal of Love and France*. When not traveling, she lives on Long Island Sound with her husband.

Don't get me started about Vivian Swift and her joie de vivre which bounces off the pages of her latest book. It's charming, quirky, filled with fun and interesting unknown, at least to me, facts about the different gardens she showcases. Did I mention her watercolors? How about her sense of humor? Okay, I'm a fan, a big one.

Another beautifully done book from Vivian Swift. I have all of her books and wish she could write more of them. I'm always anticipating her next adventure. She does beautiful drawings and the book is well written.

I buy numerous art books each year but, it is rare that one touches me as deeply as this one did. Both the painting and the prose transport the reader into a magical place outside of time. It is interesting to me that a whole other dimension can be created by viewing a garden through another person's eyes and artistic expression. Each of the gardens presented is no doubt very special, but Ms Swift further enhances their appeal with her witty prose and vibrant watercolor. A delightful read!

I am enchanted with Vivian Swift books....all three of them.... Her exquisite drawings and lighthearted writing draws me into a world of beauty and delight, whether I read the book from start to finish, or just open it at random to any page....it's like taking a lovely holiday. Her books and Susan Branch's are my "go to present" these days. Everyone loves them too.

If you're dreaming of your garden, if you're dreaming of learning to paint with watercolors, or just dreaming of beautiful places to see. . . then settle down, snuggle up and take an adventure with this book.

Vivian Swift's books are all delightful to the eye. *When Wanderers Cease to Roam* will probably

always be my favorite, but this one is wonderful to leaf through. It is the perfect gift for any gardener in your life.

Waited a long time for this with great expectations. Vivian never disappoints. A beautiful, beautiful book!!!

A beautiful compilation of Vivian's Swift's lovely artwork and charming writing. Five stars!

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