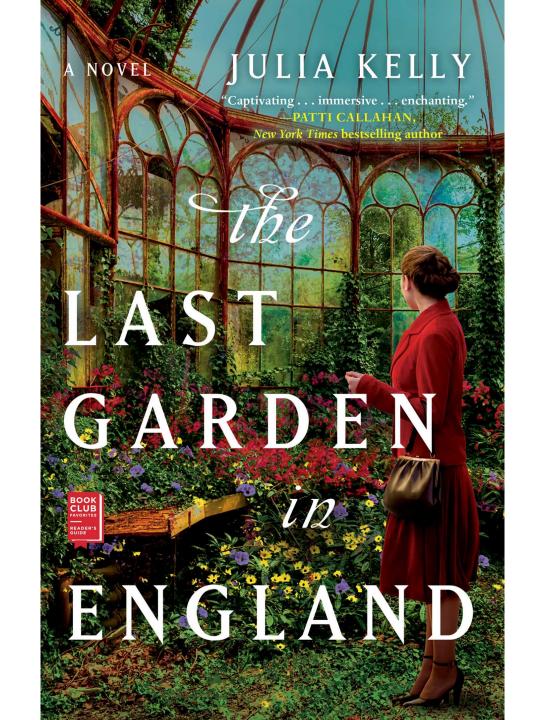


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Inspiration for The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly









Julia Kelly's influences

- Upton House and Gardens in Warwickshire, designed by Kitty Lloyd Jones
- Garden designer Gertrude Jekyll and other women garden designers
- Hidcote Manor in Gloucestershire, designed by Lawrence Johnston

Sissinghurst Castle Garden, designed by Vita Sackville-West. Photo by Douglas Needham



Upton House and Gardens Warwickshire, U.K.

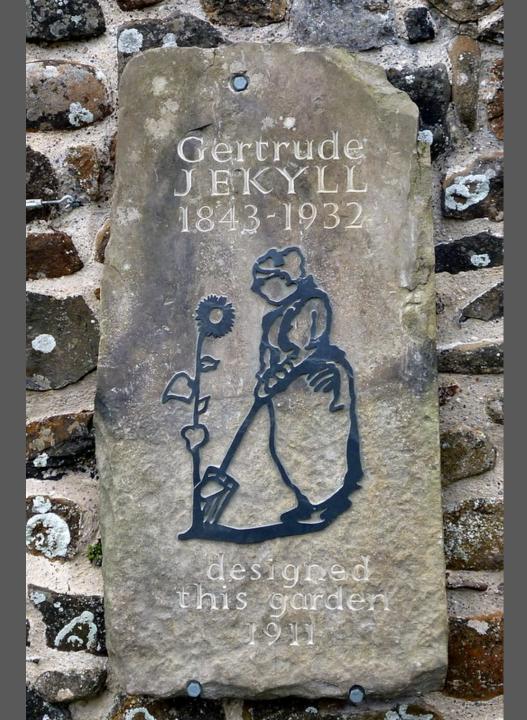
"...it wasn't just Upton House's wartime history that drew me in but its gardens as well, which combine beautiful, classically English borders with a wild-seeming Bog Garden."



Kitty Lloyd- Jones

"All the better that [Upton Gardens] was designed by a young woman named Kitty Lloyd-Jones, who, according to her biographer, was hired by clients in the 1920s and 1930s to lend a sense of good taste to the grand gardens they'd acquired with their new houses bought with new fortunes."





Gertrude Jekyll

"Venetia became an amalgamation of the talented female gardeners of the past like Lloyd-Jones and the far more famous Gertrude Jekyll, whose influence on gardening was so deep that many of her principles are still used today."











Hidcote Manor Garden Gloucestershire, U.K.

"Not far off from Upton House is Hidcote Manor in Chipping Campden, the product of the real-life Lawrence Johnston, who Venetia and Matthew pay a visit to in the early days of their courtship. It was after a visit to Hidcote on a hot August day that I decided to focus Venetia's vision for Highbury House around a series of garden rooms. Hidcote is laid out in much the same way, with hedges dividing the rooms in which Johnston focused on a single color or theme."





Hidcote Manor Garden

"The red borders were in full bloom when I visited and served as inspiration for the lovers' garden in this book. In fact, it was when I saw the red borders that I started to see the possibility of what Highbury's fictional gardens could be."



Women Garden Designers

- Edith Wharton
- Vita Sackville-West
- Beth Chatto
- Beatrix Farrand
- Lynden Miller
- ...and so many more

Sissinghurst Castle Garden by Vita Sackville-West Photo by Douglas Needham



Isabelle Greene, Silver Garden designer, Longwood Gardens



