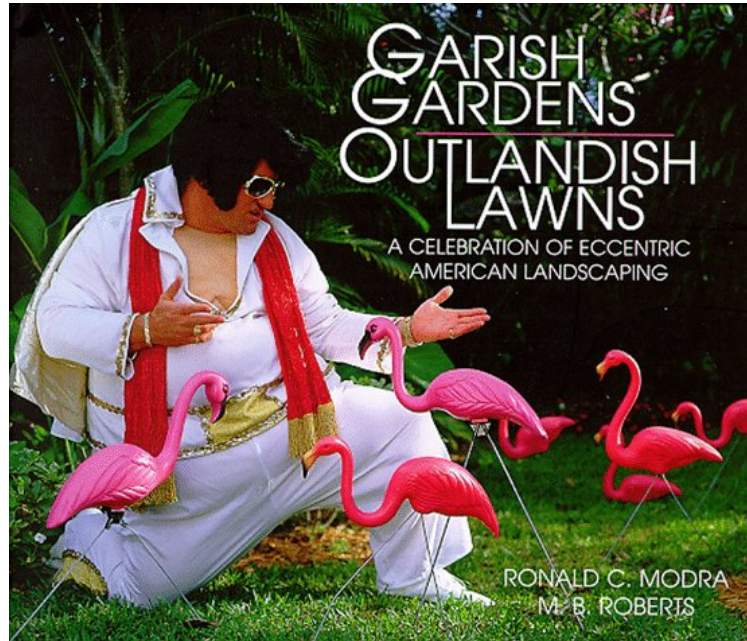


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Pink flamingos, elves and gnomes, whirligigs, windmills and wishing wells, ceramic geese and plastic ducks, oh my! Sophisticated lawn and garden magazines might pretend (or prefer) such anomalies don't exist, but this seasoned author/photographer team knows better. Their research has revealed that, from coast to coast, countless Americans have a love and a penchant for decorating their yards with gizmos that turn the hair of professional landscapers white. This is the vividly illustrated story of America's most garish gardens and lawns and the individualistic group of

nationwide yard enthusiasts who invent and maintain them. This book is for those who recognize themselves in its pages. More importantly, writes M.B. Roberts, It's also for the compulsive lawn-edgers like myself who wouldn't dare drive the metal legs of a pink flamingo into the lawn, but delight in those who do.

From Booklist This wonderfully tacky book begins with a quote from Donald Featherstone, the man who created pink plastic yard flamingos. In his words, "Before plastics, only rich people could afford to have poor taste." And poor taste is what this delightful book is all about, the result of writer Roberts' and photographer Modra's tour of the country looking for tacky-tacky lawn ornaments. They found that garden kitsch includes wooden cows and donkeys, metal roosters, plastic sunflowers, frogs, squirrels, deer, bunnies, swans, rubber cacti, old washing machines, toilets, sinks, and bathtubs with flowers growing out of them, a six-foot stuffed Ninja Turtle, the front end of a VW, gargoyles, gnomes, and, of course, those pink flamingos. The bulk of the 80 color pictures here were taken on a 10-day drive from Connecticut to Wisconsin; and about 50 people--owners of all this kitsch--were also photographed. Oh, come on, readers, let yourselves go. Enjoy yourself with this book! George Cohen . . . poor taste is what this delightful book is all about." About the Author M.B. Roberts is a contributor for Willow Creek Press titles including *Garish Gardens*, *Outlandish Lawns*. Ronald C. Modra is a contributor for Willow Creek Press titles including *Garish Gardens*, *Outlandish Lawns*.