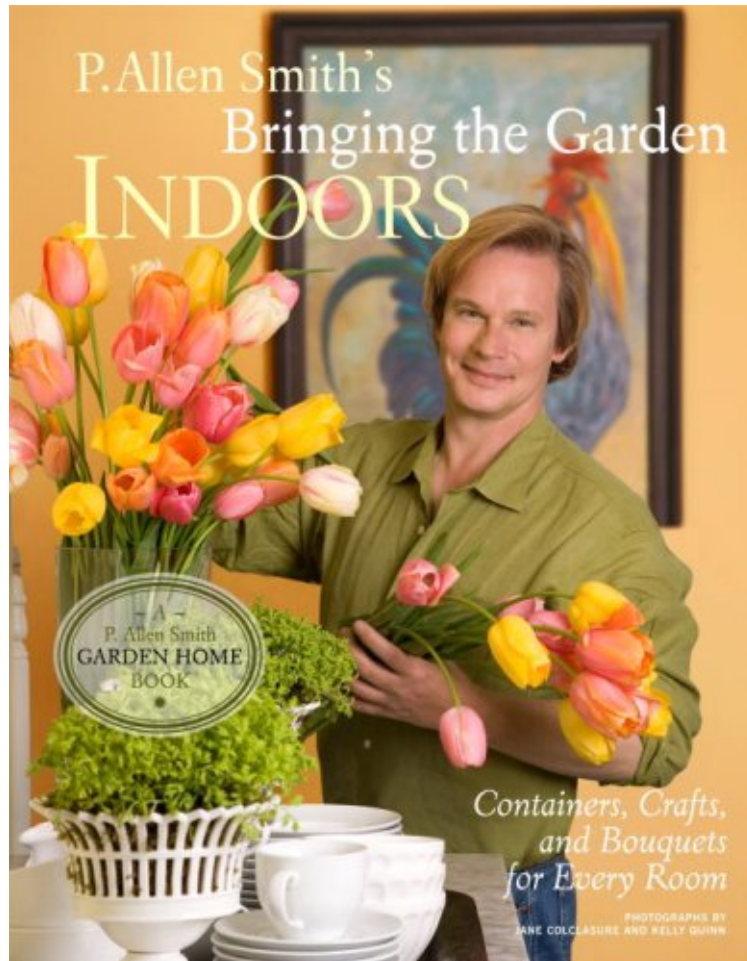


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Garden designer P. Allen Smith is best known for the beauty he creates outdoors. From his monthly segment on the Today show to his own nationally syndicated television programs, people look to him for ways to design, update, or totally reinvent their outdoor garden spaces. Now, for the first time, Allen has turned his attention to the indoors—specifically, how to use the bounty of the garden to decorate the home. Whether it's growing a citrus tree in your kitchen, using boxed plants to decorate your dining table, or forcing bulbs into bloom and showcasing them in a fantastic flea market find or a family heirloom, Allen's sixty-five fail-safe projects are pure inspiration for every room in your home—including the often overlooked entranceway. With inviting color photography and clear, concise instructions, he'll teach you how to choose the right containers for the greatest impact, decorate with the season in mind, pick unusual but visually dramatic props to complement a bouquet, or showcase a collection (such as creamware, baskets, or cast iron) by using them as centerpieces for flowers and plants. As a result, you'll transform your place into a garden home. Even if you're not a gardener, these projects can work in your home, too. A visit to the local plant shop can supply everything you need to make the projects your own. Whether you're looking to do something as simple as creating a tabletop centerpiece or as sophisticated as using the garden's bounty to call attention to your artwork, P. Allen Smith's plethora of ideas and expert know-how will inspire you to bring the outdoors indoors any time of the year.

From Booklist *Starred* No longer is there any excuse for not using foliage and flowers inside a home. According to author, expert garden designer, and TV host Smith, simply pick from the 63 ways to connect with nature. Each tip, a few paragraphs in length, is an exhortation of sorts, ranging from set a scene and adopt a no-fail houseplant (hint: mothers-in-law tongues work even in the dimmest of light) to cluster containers for bold effect and show off plants stem. Lavish color photographs illustrate almost every tip. Not enough? Look for two-sentence (or so) boxed advice. Or a series of sidebars headlined Collections, with notes and pictures on such discoveries as begonias, Paris porcelain, and baskets, among many others. Want even more? A generous handful of recipes, paperwhites in a glass container and harvest home display, for two, enable more creative gardeners to showcase easy-to-complete handiwork. A fun-filled how-to retort to those who claim the black-thumb syndrome. Resources guide; suggested readings. --Barbara Jacobs
About the Author P. ALLEN SMITH is a popular television personality and a bestselling author as well as one of America's best-known garden designers and lifestyle contributors. Host of the weekly public television show P. Allen Smith's Garden Home, the syndicated television program P. Allen Smith Gardens, and gardening reports on The Weather Channel, he also makes regular appearances on the Today show. His creative ideas help people blend the beauty of the garden with the comfort of their homes. Recipient of numerous national gardening awards, Allen has been featured in many national magazines and newspapers.