Designing outdoor spaces that are attractive to children requires a thoughtful landscape design process that incorporates key considerations that appeal to children. The Magic of Children’s Gardens by landscape architect Lolly Tai provides a comprehensive collection of drawings and photographs of successful children’s outdoor environments, and detailed explanations of the design process and criteria for creating children’s outdoor spaces as inspired by these and other gardens:

- The Children’s Garden at River Farm
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden’s Children’s Garden
- Paul Smith Children’s Village at Cheyenne Botanic Gardens
- Enchanted Woods at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
- The Children’s Garden at Hershey Gardens
- Longwood Gardens’ Indoor Children’s Garden
- Everett Children’s Adventure Garden at the New York Botanical Garden

“...The gardens displayed in this book will enliven your imagination, stimulate your curiosity, and awaken your own childhood sense of wonder to encourage the creation and fostering of these very special enchanted spaces for children and families. We have entered an age when nature no longer occurs naturally for children. The pages that follow are essential for anyone embarking on the critical mission of designing spaces that provide opportunities for children to explore and experience nature. Now more than ever, our children deserve the very best green spaces.”

—from the foreword by Jane L. Taylor, Founding Curator, Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden, Michigan State University