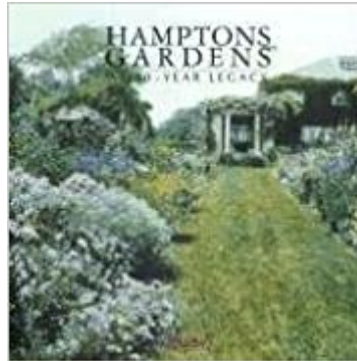




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# **Hamptons Gardens: A 350-Year Legacy**



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