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Can nature_in all its unruly wildness_be an integral part of creative landscape design? In her beautifully illustrated book, *Wild by Design*, award-winning designer Margie Ruddick urges designers to look beyond the rules often imposed by both landscaping convention and sustainability checklists. Instead, she offers a set of principles for a more creative and intuitive approach that challenges the entrenched belief that natural processes cannot complement high-level landscape design.

Wild by Design defines and explains the five fundamental strategies Ruddick employs, often in combination, to give life, beauty, and meaning to landscapes: Reinvention, Restoration, Conservation, Regeneration, and Expression. Drawing on her own projects_from New York City's Queens Plaza, formerly a concrete jungle of traffic, to a desert landscape backyard in Baja, California, to the Living Water Park in Chengdu, China_she offers guidance on creating beautiful, healthy landscapes that successfully reconnect people with larger natural systems