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Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Hardcover. Condition: New. 208 pages. The General in the Garden provides an engaging, informative, and richly illustrated introduction to George Washingtons landscape at Mount Vernon arguably the best-documented, best-preserved complex of gardens and grounds to survive from eighteenth-century America. The books three essays, by Adam T. Erby, J. Dean Norton, and Esther C. White, chronicle Washingtons transformation of the estate in the years between the American Revolution and the Constitutional Convention of 1787, the stewardship of its gardens by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association since 1860, and the archaeology that led to the recent restoration of Washingtons showplace upper garden. Mount Vernon assistant curator Adam Erby examines Washingtons critical role in developing Mount Vernons landscape, arguing that the general drew on British design sources and gardening manuals but adapted them to his own circumstances, creating a truly American garden. J. Dean Norton, Mount Vernons director of horticulture, traces the evolution of the estates landscape and recreated gardens across the two centuries since Washingtons death. And Esther White, Mount Vernons director of historic preservation and research, shows how groundbreaking archaeological methods facilitated the discovery of Washington-era garden beds and borders of flowers, shrubs, and vegetables in his upper...



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