



The Botanical Garden of Padova.

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Marsilio, 2013. Book Condition: new. English text. Venezia, 2013; clothbound, pp. 192, 70 b/w ill., 62 col. ill., cm 22x30. (Libri illustrati). The Botanical Garden of the University of Padova was founded in 1545, since which year it has remained and flourished in the same place where it was established, making it the oldest extant Botanical Garden in the world. Interestingly, it has not only maintained its original location but also its original Hortus cinctus, or walled, circular section, which, as can be evinced from a 1591 map of the Garden, can be traced back to the Garden's earliest times. At the time of the Garden's foundation, the University of Padova was already three centuries old, and enjoyed an international reputation of excellence as testified by the numerous students from all over Europe who chose to study in there. Many of these came to Padova to study medicine, and thus attended lessons at the Botanical Garden in order to learn how to recognize medicinal plants which, at the time, were practically the only source of remedies available to physicians. The Botanical Garden thus became a source of inspiration for physicians, who would then take all the knowledge they'd acquired in...



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