The Poetry of Erasmus Darwin: Enlightened Spaces, Romantic Times

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Priestman's fine-grained and lively *The Poetry of Erasmus Darwin: Enlightened Spaces, Romantic Times* offers a detailed exploration of Erasmus Darwin's work and its influence. Erasmus Darwin (12 December 1731 – 18 April 1802) was an English physician. One of the key thinkers of the Midlands Enlightenment, he was also a natural philosopher, physiologist, slave-trade abolitionist, inventor and poet. His poems included much natural history, including a statement of evolution. The *The Botanic Garden by Erasmus Darwin - Google Books Result* presents Erasmus Darwin's work in its historical context, highlighting his contributions to science and literature.