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Down The Garden Path



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"You will definitely be reminded of why you garden. No wonder this book has for so many years been one of the

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less about the garden and more about the female visitors/neighbors which he dislikes thoroughly. it's meant to be amusing, which it is at first...until he simply devolves to snarky and misogynist. the best thing is the garden illustration.

No gardener with a sense of humour could fail to derive amusement from Beverley Nichols classic garden book. Two more (words were required to qualify this statement as "a review". Consider it done, !)

The used book was in excellent condition. The author has a lovely way of describing the challenges and excitements of a new garden.

I left it in the seat pocket of a plane going to Mexico but i enjoyed the first three chapters I read. will order it again.

For gardeners, a wonderfully comfortable book. Beverly Nichols writing style is unique among gardening authors. Best book on the love of gardening with a underscored wit I have ever read. I look forward to reading all his books.

Mr. Nichols' sense of humor kept me chuckling. His insight into human nature also highlights his own generous attitude toward his fellow human beings. A pleasant read.

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