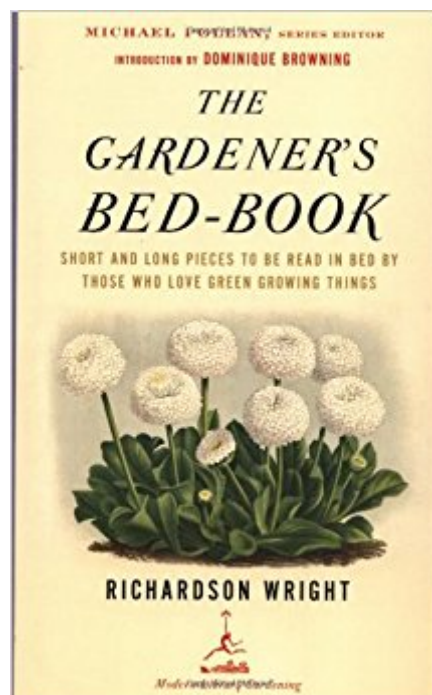




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The Gardener's Bed-Book: Short And Long Pieces To Be Read In Bed By Those Who Love Green Growing Things (Modern Library Gardening)



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"I devoured it in a single sitting, front page to last, and I'll wager that many, many others have done so before me." —Allen Lacy Richardson Wright's resonant meditations on everything from the staking of lilies to the appreciation of nineteenth-century prints of roses are pithy, often amusing, and are marvelously distilled from his

life as a master editor and gardener. They will delight a generation that never knew him. — Henry Mitchell, *The Washington Post*

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I am enjoying reading this book at bedtime because the author was clearly enthusiastic about gardens and gardening, and so am I. I concur with another reviewer who pointed out that the author was very well-to-do (tips usually take the form of "have xyz done," assuming you have someone to work for you), so most of us would not relate well. What bothers me most, however, is that there are a few racial and gender statements typical of phrases and attitudes in the 1920s that are quite offensive now. In fact, when the first instance cropped up, it affected my whole attitude to the writer, although I know he was a product of his time. The author's comments on the cosiness and security of home during bad weather or bad times and other domesticities do stand the test of time, though, and I've enjoyed some laughs from his comments on visitors from the city. All things considered, you may want to check the book out of a library and see if you like it - or can tolerate the occasional un-PC lapses.

It is a timeless piece of work for any serious gardener and will keep you company through all sorts of gardening trials and tribulations as well as successes and conquests. I have given many copies to my most beloved friends.

A wonderful book! One doesn't even need to be a gardener to enjoy this book. It might even

encourage a non-gardener. The writer is very entertaining and has a special gift of humor. The diary format is great.

Highly entertaining and cozy reading about gardening. Almost has a P.G. Wodehouse appeal.

Mild, not fascinating. But just interesting enough to keep me reading for the few minutes before my eyes start to close.

Ok but not the best gardening book I have read

I have looped a second year and am still reading it!

YES!

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