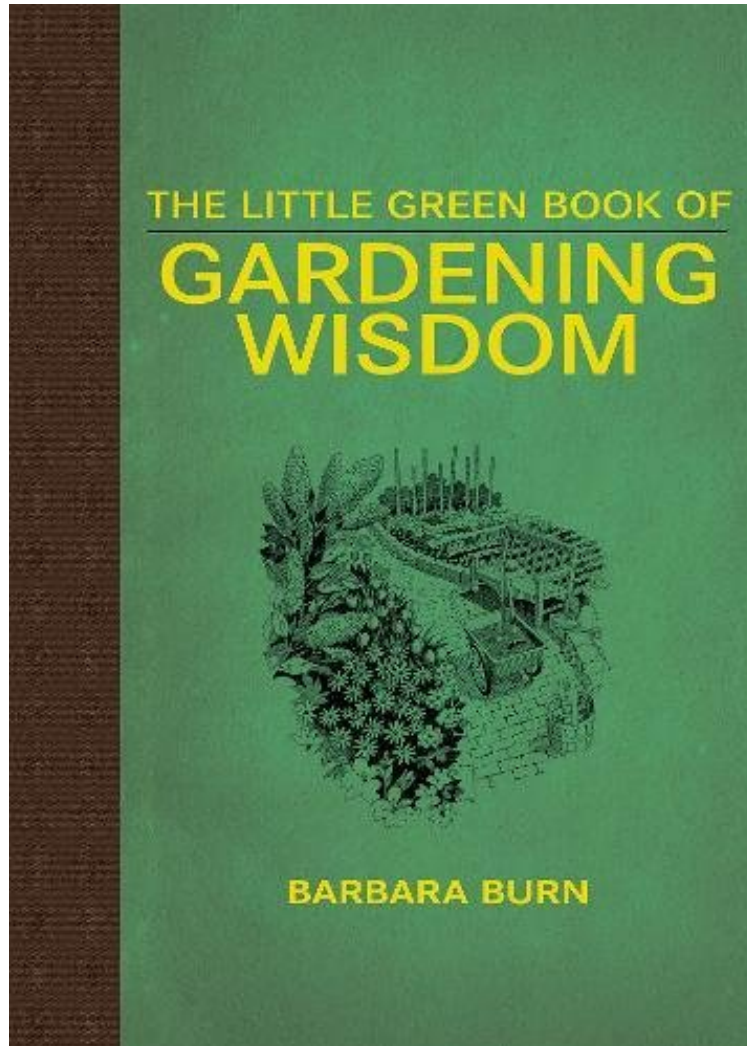


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A great companion anywhere, anytime!By Lucy L. BrownThis book is a charmed reading experience from the green cover that has a garden to hide in, through the introduction, to the very last page. The book even feels good in the hand, although you can get an electronic version, too. It is the end of February and I am thinking about the Spring and Summer garden. Sometimes the process of starting seeds can be a chore, but not this year. I have this book with me. I don't think even summer weeding will be a chore as I smile and remember some of the quotes from this book. But I won't be weeding so much because one of the bits of wisdom in a quote has driven me to mulch even more than last year-- 'Remember that when you weed, you just make room for

more weeds. It is better to mulch.' There are quotes that act as micro short stories from Claude Monet, Frederick Law Olmstead, Thomas Jefferson, Prince Charles, Jane Austen, the Bible, the Koran, Homer and many more. They are all entertaining and I laughed out loud sometimes. There are nice color pictures, too. I highly recommend this book to gardeners and those who are interested in gardens, whether you have one now, plan to have one, or want the joy of remembering one. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wise Little Book! By Kid at Heart Great book, a little stiff due to binding and number of pages. It doesn't lay flat, but it's full of "Gardening Wisdom".

Surprising as it may seem, the first place an experienced gardener looks for advice and ideas is not the local gardening store or even the nearby botanical garden, but a good library. Gardeners have been sharing their wisdom for thousands of years, and their books and treatises still provide a rich resource for growers and landscapers today. Here in this volume is a bouquet of quotations that will strike a responsive chord with anyone who has ever worked the soil or just admired nature's handiwork. Areas that are covered include the metaphorical- Some men like to make a little garden out of life and walk down a path. Jean Anouilh, *The Lark* (1952) words of encouragement- Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders, If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders; And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden, You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden. Rudyard Kipling, *The Glory of the Garden* (1911) reflection- To sit in the shade on a fine day, and look upon verdure, is the most perfect refreshment. Jane Austen, *Mansfield Park* (1814) and the practical- Three fundamental aspects of border design: site, shape, and size have at least as great an effect on the ease of garden maintenance as does the actual selection of plants. Frederick McGourty, *The Perennial Gardener* (1989) and much more. Drawing on sources ranging from the earliest agrarian civilizations to the present, *The Little Red Book of Gardening Wisdom* is a treasury of great ideas that will delight amateur and expert gardeners alike.

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