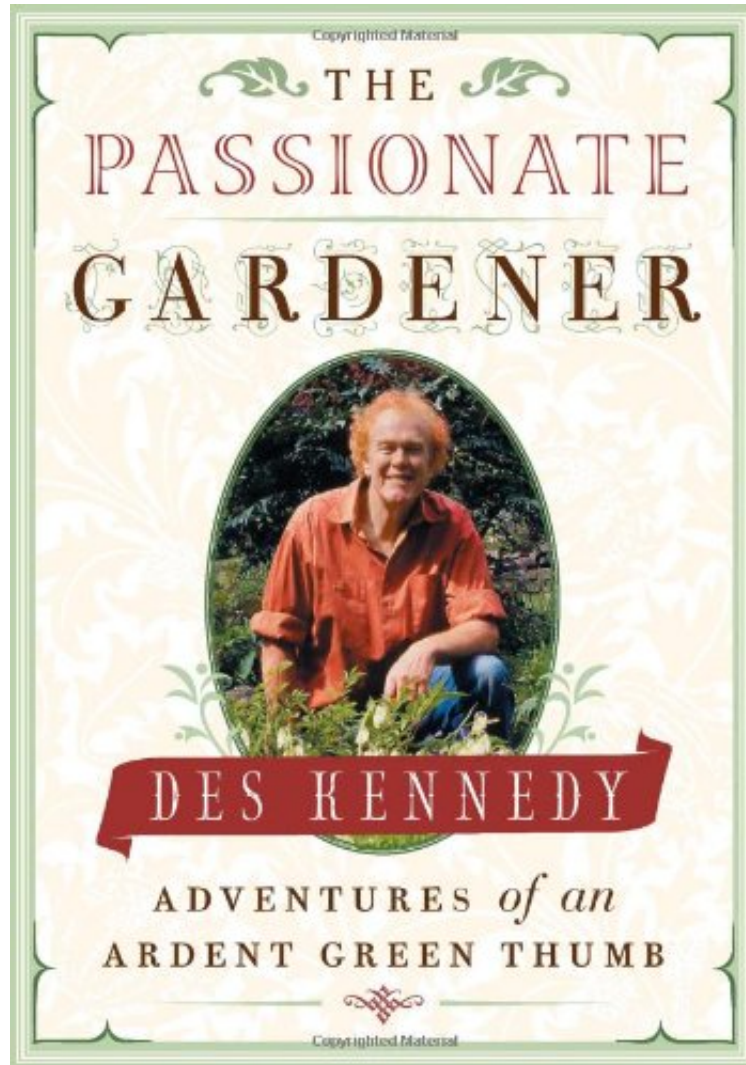


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Written in what may be the late summer or early autumn of his life, one of Canada's much-loved garden writers shares his enthusiasms, his wry observations on our gardening foibles, and something of his sowing and growing in "The Passionate Gardener: Adventures of an Ardent Green Thumb Gardener." He offers us 13 chapters whose names give a charming and reasonable hint of their contents: 'Tis always the season; Chaos theory in the garden; Garden clubbing; In the land of the long white cloud; Garden artistry; The seven deadly sins; On the isle of saints scholars; Passionate plantings; Construction workers; Gardening with the goddess of fire; Darwin was no gardener; and Down the garden pathology. The stories told therein are like a walk, a hike, stroll, a meander with a knowledgeable gardener, an even more knowledgeable passionate reader of philosophy literature, a writer with a supple command of language who hesitates not to enliven now and again with an epithet or three of moderate blueness, a yarn-spinner and story-teller. There are many nuggets of information about plants, soft hard-scaping, what it is like over more than 30 years to garden in Northwest Canada (O you fortunate gardeners in that blessed climate!), what not to do, and some absolution for plant-killers. I've visited a bit or lived gardened in three of the lands he visits (Ireland, Aotearoa, and the Big Island of Hawaii). The format of relatively brief chapters make for breadth of impressions rather than depth; however, Kennedy's reportage does sufficient honor in the space available, though there's a bit more of the places visitors usually first see than those gardens and glories farther from the main roads. In Hawaii, for example, the Kennedys' seem to have visited in November-January, thus missing the seasonality of trees such as the blossoming coffee and jacaranda as well as the fragrance of the plumeria that haunted Mark Twain for years. Well, even for a small island, few of us can see it all. Probably because he was traveling with a Canadian gardeners' tour, Kennedy's chapter on Ireland's gardens gives a more delightful diverse picture. This is a fine book to read for what it is, a journey with a funny, outspoken man who is clearly passionate about the life of a gardener but who sees and very much cares about the world beyond garden gates. Thank you, Des Kennedy long may you contemplate garden!

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In this rollicking read, Des Kennedy demonstrates his unerring skill with a satirical pitchfork. The 13 short pieces here roam widely and wildly, examining, among other things, common idiosyncrasies and the collective chaos of garden clubs. The book hilariously ponders the host of psychopathologies that afflict plants people, from weather phobias and general anxiety disorders to obsessive-compulsive behavior such as the chronic moving of plants. Whether discussing dysfunctional garden sprayers or malodorous urine collection schemes, Kennedy finds both the magic and the madness in one of life's most popular passions.