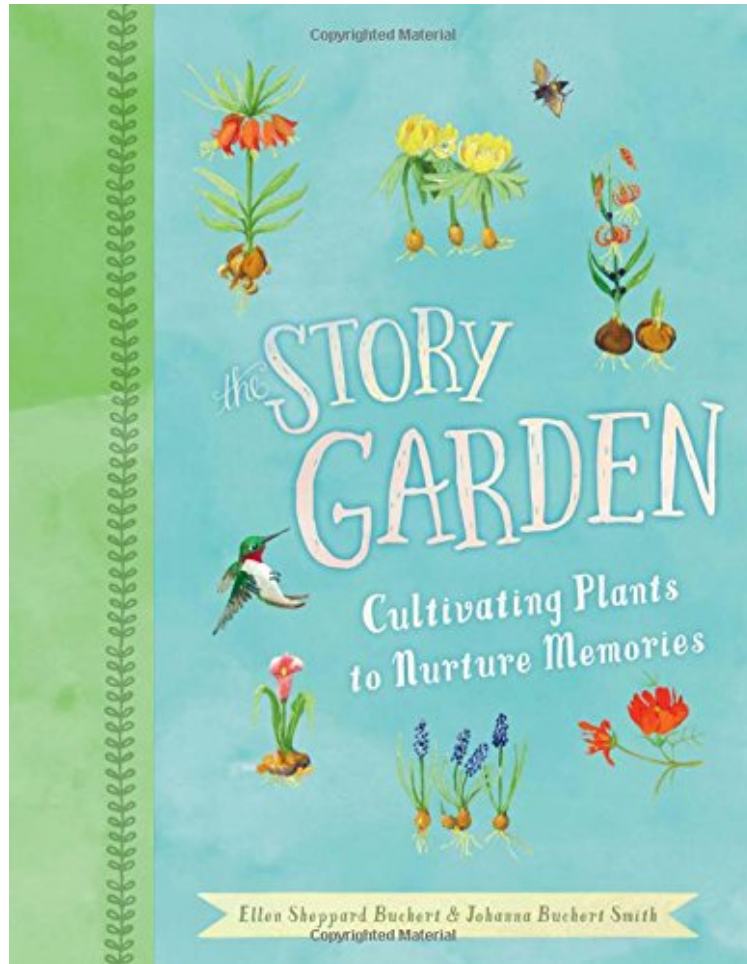


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**Ellen Buchert, Johanna Buchert Smith : The Story Garden: Cultivating Plants to Nurture Memories** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Story Garden: Cultivating Plants to Nurture Memories:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Your garden will love you for it.By Bluewatersailor\*\*DISCLAIMER - I am one of the 799 other residents of the small New Jersey town in which Ellen grew up. I have known her and her family my entire life and although we now live at opposite ends of the country I consider her one of my oldest and closest friends.\*\* All that notwithstanding, I am confident I can fairly recommend this book. It is at treasure. Her descriptions of our hometown recalled for me people and places I have half-forgotten. Reading about them was more than a nostalgic journey down memory lane, it was a vivid re-creation of another place and another time, one that recalls the community that nurtured me and sent me forth in the world to whatever success I

have achieved. You should read this book for the love and poetry in the writing. You should read this book for the elegance and beauty of the art and illustrations. You should read this book for the imaginative hints and tips. You should use this book for its detailed instructions and comprehensive information. If you love plants you should read this book. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A lovely conversation about caring for plants  
By Kebtend  
The Story Garden is a lovely, learned, and gentle conversation about plants. It provides practical advice for propagating plants of all kinds, whether by cuttings, bulbs, seeds, or rooting; but the real beauty of the book is the manner in which it conveys the advice, surrounded by personal stories and reminiscing observations. Every page is filled with colorful watercolors depicting parts of plants to illustrate the text. A reference book today shouldn't just provide information (we have Google for that) but ought to hold something more. In the case of The Story Garden, that is a thoughtful wisdom and a friendly voice. At the same time it teaches you about plants, it makes you want to become the kind of person who would care this deeply about something so rooted, so real as a garden. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Delightful  
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A lovely book. It reminds me of my own experiences growing up around plants with my mother, who loved plants and gardening, and refused to be discouraged when she wasn't perfect at keeping them alive. Her love of plants, and her persistence, and the happy associations she gave to me are what got me into botany as a discipline, and I love how this book combines human associations with plants, and encourages all comers, whether complete beginners, or more experienced. And the illustrations are an absolute delight. They are so beautiful, and they really make the book come alive.

Grow stories and cultivate memories with a Story Garden. This charming book of lovely tales is about the magic of self-discovery, memory, and human connections transmitted through botany. The stories are supplemented with simple plant propagation how-tos for the plants that connect to the memories. Start a rosebush from the rose in your wedding bouquet, remember Grandmas hollyhock from a cutting of the plant by her clothesline, enjoy onions in your garden descending from a gift of an onion at a BB where you spent a week on a romantic holiday, or plant a balsam fir at the end of the driveway to remind you of Christmas. Johanna Buchert Smith has worked as an editor for several years, both online and in print. She shares her familys love of gardening, and has extensive experience with foraging. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ellen Sheppard Buchert obtained her bachelors degree for Integrated Studies in botany and writing. Her art has been shown all over the state of Utah, and in Ontario, Canada. She has illustrated three previous gardening books for Gibbs Smith: 75 Exceptional Herbs, 75 Remarkable Fruits, and 75 Exciting Vegetables. She lives in Provo, Utah.

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Each of these illustrations was drawn in pen and ink and colored with watercolor paints on cotton museum board. Her work has been exhibited in Canada and the United States.