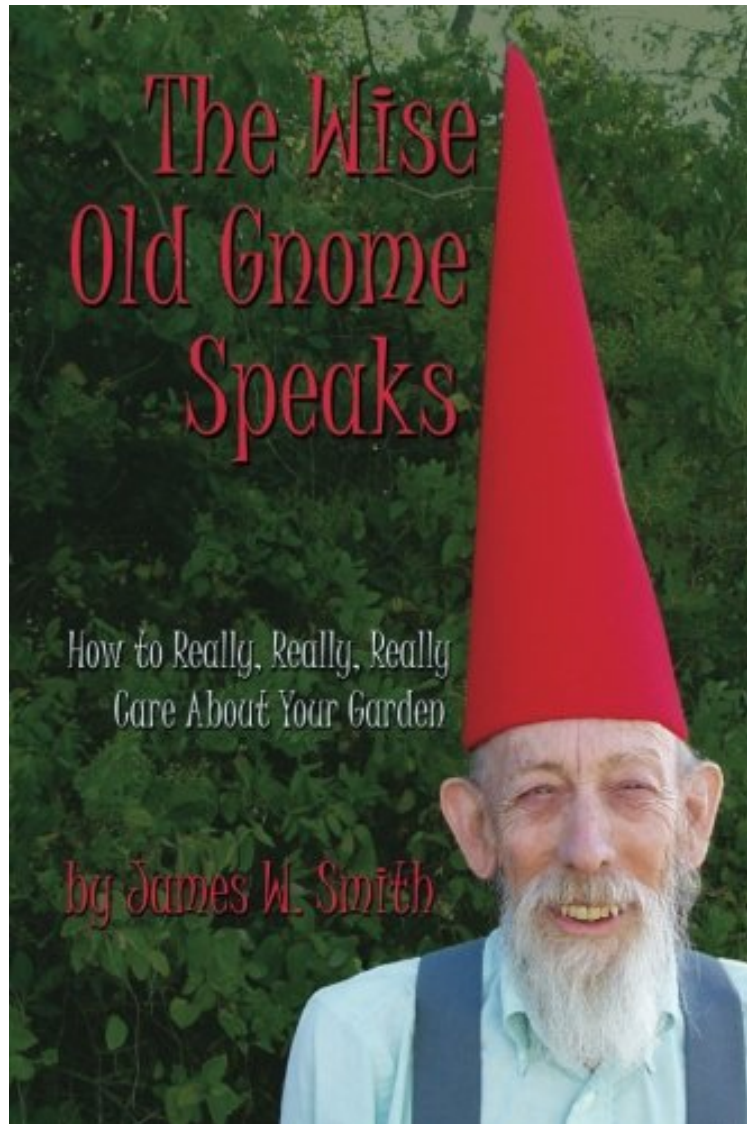


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James W. Smith is something of a wrinkled garden gnome that has the practical knowledge gained from years and years down on his hands and knees in the dirt. He's your own personal gardening superhero, Plantman to the rescue! This book will save you time and money, because he's already done the years of research, experimentation, observation and hard work for you. Think of this as "The Garden Gospel according to James," your practical, fluff-free garden guide that will demystify gardening and enable you to cultivate the world of plants. You'll understand how plants grow, what they need to thrive, and the things you can do to provide the best environment for them using sustainable methods and techniques. This is, quite possibly, the shortest and most informative gardening book ever!

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