

## Alan Titchmarsh My Secret Garden

Successful gardens can be created in the smallest spaces, and in this inspiring and practical guide Alan Titchmarsh shows how to transform even the tiniest outdoor area into an attractive garden. With ideas for maximizing space and advice on garden design, planning and plant selection, this is the definitive handbook for anyone wanting to create a private haven in limited space. \* Ideas for front gardens, side passages, courtyards, balconies, rooftops and windowsills \* Tricks to make small spaces seem larger \* How to use every inch of space, including containers \* Easy-to-follow landscaping plans for all garden shapes and styles \* Guidance on growing vegetables, herbs and fruit in small plots

Written as he talks, this is Monty Don right beside you in the garden, challenging norms and sharing advice. Discover Monty's thoughts and garden ideas around nature, seasons, color, design, pests, flowering shrubs, containers, and much more. Read about the month-by month jobs he does in his own garden that he hopes are relevant to you. Monty's intimate and lyrical writing is accompanied by photos of his garden, showing areas rarely seen on television. This is the perfect gift for the gardener in your life. "I have written many gardening books but this is the distillation of 50 years of gardening experience. It has all the tips and

essential pieces of knowledge that enable you to make your garden grow well, and it also shares my view that gardening is the secret to living well too." - Monty  
An editor and writer's vivaciously entertaining, and often moving, chronicle of his year-long adventure with fifty great books (and two not-so-great ones)—a true story about reading that reminds us why we should all make time in our lives for books. Nearing his fortieth birthday, author and critic Andy Miller realized he's not nearly as well read as he'd like to be. A devout book lover who somehow fell out of the habit of reading, he began to ponder the power of books to change an individual life—including his own—and to define the sort of person he would like to be. Beginning with a copy of Bulgakov's *Master and Margarita* that he happens to find one day in a bookstore, he embarks on a literary odyssey of mindful reading and wry introspection. From *Middlemarch* to *Anna Karenina* to *A Confederacy of Dunces*, these are books Miller felt he should read; books he'd always wanted to read; books he'd previously started but hadn't finished; and books he'd lied about having read to impress people. Combining memoir and literary criticism, *The Year of Reading Dangerously* is Miller's heartfelt, humorous, and honest examination of what it means to be a reader. Passionately believing that books deserve to be read, enjoyed, and debated in the real world, Miller documents his reading experiences and how they resonated in his daily life

and ultimately his very sense of self. The result is a witty and insightful journey of discovery and soul-searching that celebrates the abiding miracle of the book and the power of reading.

According to their friends, Tom and Pippa Drummond have the perfect existence - a great lifestyle, a lively marriage, and a great kid in Tally. In their late thirties, living in a converted barn on the edge of the Sussex Downs, Tom is a partner in 'The Pelican', a restaurant in Axbury Minster, and Pippa, after a short career as a cook, grows herbs for sale locally and brings up sixteen-year-old Tally - a lively blonde with her head screwed firmly on to her shoulders. A rare summer holiday is planned - an idyllic retreat in the Italian hills. Tom takes time off from the restaurant, Pippa leaves her herbs in the charge of a dotty neighbour, and Tally takes a break from the two men in her life - fast-living Alex and the plodding, persevering 'Blip'. Tuscany is everything they hoped it would be - cicadas in the trees, the scent of sage and citrus and suppers under the stars. But their joy is short lived. Overnight their lives, their circumstances, their very identities are suddenly altered, and life will never be the same again. From being the envy of their friends, the Drummonds are plunged into a world that nobody would wish upon them.

'I'm still rather fond of this first book of mine, in spite of all the time that has

elapsed, and in spite of the way my style has evolved.' Joanne Harris Caution - May contain vampires. It's never easy to face the fact that a man you once loved passionately has found the girl of his dreams, as Alice discovers when Joe introduces her to his new girlfriend. Then Alice finds an old diary and reads about two men and the mysterious woman who bewitched them both, buried in Grantchester churchyard half a century ago. As the stories seem to intertwine, Alice comes to realize that her instinctive hatred of Joe's new girlfriend may not just be due to jealousy, as she is plunged into a nightmare world of obsession, revenge, seduction - and blood.

Only with the help of Harry Hill's all newTV Burp Bookcan you finally find out what happens when... ...Ant and Dec meet up at night using the secret tunnel that connects their Chiswick homes ...Bear Grylls has to survive alone for days in a 5-star hotel and ...Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall helps the tenants of a block of flats rear their own oxen. Plus... Get rich with Alan Sugar. TV in the future. Spooky tales wid Derek Acorah. Perfect nights in with Alan Titchmarsh and Pete Doherty. 2-D You've Been Framed and Celebrities hiding behind bushes.

Flowering shrubs can be the most dramatic and beautiful features in a garden. This book gives Alan Titchmarsh's expert advice on selecting the right plants for you, looking at colour, size and aspect to create stunning effects and healthy,

happy plants. Includes: \* guidance on choosing flowering shrubs for colour and situation \* practical advice on planting, general care, propagation, pruning and renovation \* illustrated A-Z profiles of recommended plants \* detailed planting plans for using shrubs in borders \* step-by-step illustrations showing essential techniques Alan Titchmarsh imparts a lifetime of expertise in these definitive guides for beginners and experienced gardeners. Step-by-step illustrations and easy-to-follow instructions guide you through the basic gardening skills and on to the advanced techniques, providing everything you need to enjoy flowering shrubs in your garden.

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER NIGEL - One of Britain's favourite dogs!  
MONTY DON - One of Britain's favourite presenters. When Monty Don's golden retriever Nigel became the surprise star of BBC Gardeners' World inspiring huge interest, fan mail and his own social media accounts, Monty Don wanted to explore what makes us connect with animals quite so deeply. In many respects Nigel is a very ordinary dog; charming, handsome and obedient, as so many are. He is a much loved family pet. He is also a star. By telling Nigel's story, Monty relates his relationships with the other special dogs in his life in a memoir of his dogs past and very much present. Witty, touching and life-affirming, Nigel: My family and other dogs is wonderfully heart-warming. Monty Don is a great writer

coming out of the garden and into the hearts and homes of every dog lover in the UK. 'I have always had a dog, or dogs. I cannot imagine life without them. I am just as much a fan of Nigel as any besotted viewer. In the book I explore why we love dogs and what they mean to us emotionally and domestically. I look back on all the dogs in my life - all of which I have loved deeply and which have been an essential part of my life. So, this is the book of Nigel - but also the book of all our dogs in every British family and a celebration of the deep love we feel for them'

Monty Don

A Guide to What Not to Do in Your Garden. Gardening is widely regarded as one of life's great joys. However, you might not feel that way if you pay too much attention to the experts: every garden magazine and newspaper relentlessly publishes hectoring instructions telling you what you must do in your garden this week or this month, to the point where your garden can become a source of constant stress or wasted energy. Rather than add to the pile of suggested drudgery, this book is instead dedicated to relieving you of pointless and unnecessary garden work, and suggesting easy and pleasant ways to look after your little patch of paradise.

Private country paradises boasting remarkable plant palettes and combinations. Garden design expert Jack Staub presents more than twenty beautiful and sumptuous private country

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gardens in Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. From a romantic garden with cottagey plantings that pays homage to the best of English garden vernacular to a splendid Eden of Maryland countryside meets Himalayan serenity, these garden paradises stand alone on their own terms and offer us examples of what we can all achieve with a modicum of respect, partnership and imagination.

Some years ago, Mari Griffith bought a lovely, fresh-scented apricot floribunda rose from the Harkness Nursery. It was called "Caron Keating" in memory of the young Blue Peter presenter who lost her life to breast cancer at the early age of 41. This set Mari thinking about other flowers which have been named after women, and the list proved fascinating. It included a camellia named after the operatic diva Adelina Patti and a pelargonium after the actress Beryl Reid. There's an aquilegia named in memory of the distinguished geneticist Nora Barlow, a peony for the extrovert actress Sarah Bernhardt, and a climbing fuchsia for the shy, retiring Lady Boothby. These very different women are from all walks of life but each one deserves to be paid this fragrant and colorful compliment. This unique book describes both the lives of the women and the beauty of the flowers dedicated to them. Thirty "Pretty Maids" are featured, with biographies of each illustrated with photographs and paintings. Complementing each maid is a photograph of the eponymous flower as well as horticultural notes on how to grow it to the best advantage.

Covers everything from the initial planning of your garden on paper to how to make your design a reality with planting, laying and construction guides. This single book will tell you everything you could need to know to achieve your ideal garden. Includes: \* how to assess your site, create a style and source materials \* advice on planting schemes and achieving year-

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round interest \* tips on working with design principles such as scale, proportion and balance \* simple instructions for hard landscaping Alan Titchmarsh imparts a lifetime of expertise in these definitive guides for beginners and experienced gardeners. Step-by-step illustrations and easy-to-follow instructions guide you through the basic gardening skills and on to the advanced techniques, providing everything you need to create and maintain your dream garden.

It's not easy being a doctor. Ask any GP. The profession may have a glamorous image, but there is little real glamour in haemorrhoids and hernias, athlete's foot and dermatitis. So when retirement looms for Christopher Devon, he is only too happy to shake off the aroma of antiseptic and look forward to a new life. More time to travel, more time for his orchids, and time, perhaps, to meet a new woman. But how to find one? There is no shortage of female patients fluttering their eyelashes (and even the odd male), but what Dr Devon wants is a soulmate as much as a bedmate. Perhaps the internet can help? He seeks and he finds - sometimes with disastrous consequences. But, eventually, love comes to Dr Devon. And then his troubles begin. His former wife has problems of her own, soon to be visited on her ex, and his two grown-up children do not take kindly to the changes in their own circumstances that will be the likely outcome of Dr Devon's dalliances. One gold digger is all that a daughter with a large family and a gay son with a high standard of living need to sever them from their inheritance at 'Bedside Manor'. And passion in retirement? Oh please! Will Dr Devon find true love and live happily ever after? Or will the bitter pill of reality prove a fly in the ointment of his dreams?

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Few elements add interest to a garden better than a well-placed tree, and even small gardens



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can accommodate one. But trees are long-term investments, so it's worth knowing exactly what you want before you plant. Here Alan Titchmarsh guides us through the selection and planting processes, plus how to look after trees to ensure optimum performance and maximum impact.

\* Garden design ideas and where to plant trees \* Practicalities of location and aspect \*

Ornamental effects for all seasons \* Pests, tree diseases and problems \* Illustrated gallery of recommended trees

Daffodils and tulips herald the arrival of spring, but from the earliest snowdrops to autumn crocosmias, bulbs bring colour and interest to gardens all year round. They can be naturalized in lawns, planted in containers, fill gaps between shrubs or form the basis of stunning borders. This definitive guide gives you Alan Titchmarsh's advice on how to plant bulbs for best effect in your garden. \* A-Z directory of Alan's recommended bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes \* Easy-to-follow plans show how to use bulbs in various situations and at different times of year \*

Practical tips for growing bulbs in grass, rockeries, containers, indoors and for cutting \*

Planting and growing techniques \* Seasonal planting for year-round colour and scent

The Artist's Garden will feature up to 20 gardens that have inspired and been home to some of the greatest painters of history. These gardens not only supplied the inspiration for creative works but also illuminate the professional motivation and private life of the artists themselves – from Cezanne's house in the south of France to Childe Hassam at Celia Thaxter's garden off the coast of Maine. Flowers and gardens have often been the first choice for artists looking for a subject. A garden close to the artist's studio is not only convenient for daily material and ideas, but also has the advantage of changing through the seasons and over time. Claude Monet's Giverny was the catalyst for hundreds of great paintings (by Monet and other artists),

each one different from the one before. Sometimes a whole village becomes the focus for a colony of artists as at Gerberoy in Picardy and Skagen on the northernmost tip of Denmark. This book is about the real homes and gardens that inspired these great artists – gardens that can still be visited today. The relationship between artist and garden is a complex one. A few artists, including Pierre Bonnard and his neighbour Monet were keen gardeners, as much in love with their plants as their work, while for others like Sorolla in Madrid, his courtyard home was both a sanctuary and a source of ideas.

The gardens at Highgrove evoke intense emotion. In January, the dramatic light and early snowdrops of the Stumpery are exquisite; the glistening emerald lawns and tree blossoms in Spring lift the spirits with a promise of what is to come; in Summer, the longed-for delphiniums in the Sundial Garden stand proudly to attention and dramatic leaf colours welcome Autumn to the Arboretum as the harvesting in the Kitchen Garden begins. In Winter the structural elements of the garden have their moment of glory as the year comes to a close and the cycle of the seasons continues. Lavishly illustrated with photographs that capture both the light and detail of this magisterial space, this beautiful book will delight and inspire gardeners of every level.

In these turbulent times, Britain is rediscovering a passion for gardening and home produce - and the nation's favourite gardener is here to provide the definitive book on the subject. Alan Titchmarsh's comprehensive guide will tell you everything you need to know about fruit and veg and how to grow it, from herbs, baby veg, salads, and every-day fruits to gourmet and unusual varieties. As well as providing the key facts needed to yield good results and what to do when things go wrong, the text is sprinkled with Alan's personal observations, anecdotes,

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culinary tips and quirky historical uses. Alan's practical approach starts from scratch for those who've never grown their own before, but is also ideal for those with some experience who might be growing edibles in a new way - perhaps in a small space that needs to look attractive, or on a new allotment. Lavishly illustrated throughout, *Grow Your Own Fruit and Veg* offers inspiration, in-depth knowledge and practical advice, whether you are looking to be self-sufficient or just to grow a few items on your patio or window box. Originally published as *The Kitchen Gardener: Grow Your Own Fruit and Veg*

An enthralling family mystery from bestselling novelist and national treasure Alan Titchmarsh. It seems a perfect afternoon in the Highlands. Standing at the door of the lochside castle that has been his family's home for generations, Charlie Stuart welcomes his guests to the annual summer drinks party. Conversation, laughter and the clinking of glasses soon fill the air as friends and neighbours come together to toast the laird's happiness and prosperity. But Charlie sees the truth behind the façade: the sacrifices made to safeguard the estate; the devastating losses that have haunted him for decades; the guilt that lies at the heart of it all. And in a few hours, he knows, the perfect afternoon will come to an end. The past, with its dark secrets of love, death, loyalty and betrayal, is about to catch up with him. And it could finally tear his family apart . . .

READERS ARE LOVING BRING ME HOME: 'Such a beautiful story. Its a book I would definitely recommend, and also one I will never forget' - 5 STARS 'Alan you've done it again' - 5 STARS 'I thoroughly recommend it' - 5 STARS 'Well done Mr Titchmarsh - I'm looking forward to reading more of your books' - 5 STARS 'ANOTHER brilliant book by Titchmarsh' - 5 STARS

Foreword by Alan Titchmarsh For more than 45 years Hugh Johnson has written *Trad's Diary*,

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delighting in recording his observations of his own garden, as well as many others, and of the wider natural world. Free to turn his attention to whatever is happening in that season, or simply something that piques his interest, his subjects are as diverse as the sounds of water, forest walks, the names of roses, the taste for shade he shares with Handel, the colours of autumn, the smell of rain, the private garden discovered within Beijing's Forbidden City or the first crocuses of spring. Month by month, Hugh shares with the reader through his easy, evocative writing an eclectic mix of thoughtful, topical and whimsical insights that will delight not only gardeners but anyone with an interest in nature in all its costumes.

"The perfect gift for any new bonsai owner, this charming, compact, beautifully photographed beginner's guide to bonsai from expert Jonas Dupuich covers all the basics to keep your bonsai alive and happy"--

"Thrifty gardeners take note: the bucks saved on plant purchases will pay back the purchase price of *Plantiful* with dividends." —Tovah Martin, author of *The Unexpected Houseplant*

Whoever coined the phrase "money doesn't grow on trees" must not have been a resourceful gardener. *Plantiful* shows you how to have an easy, gorgeous garden packed with plants by simply making the right choices. Kristen Green highlights plants that help a garden quickly grow by self-sowing and spreading and teaches you how to expand the garden and extend the life of a plant by overwintering. The book features plant profiles for 50 self-sowers (including columbine, milkweed, and foxglove), 50 spreaders (such as clematis, snow poppy, and spearmint), and 50 plants that overwinter (including lemon verbena, begonia, and Chinese hibiscus). Additional gardening tips, design ideas, and inspirational photos will motivate and inspire gardeners of all levels.

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This book attempts to set out the fundamental principles to become a great gardener with careful observation and practical experience. "A garden is for its owner's pleasure." This captivating book, fully revised and updated and featuring more NT houses than ever before, is a guide to some of the greatest architectural treasures of Britain, encompassing both interior and exterior design. This new edition is fully revised and updated and includes entries

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for new properties including: Acorn Bank, Claife Viewing Station, Cushendun, Cwmdru, Fen Cottage, The Firs (birthplace of Edward Elgar), Hawker's Hut, Lizard Wireless Station, Totternhoe Knolls and Trelissick. The houses covered include spectacular mansions such as Petworth House and Waddesdon Manor, and more lowly dwellings such as the Birmingham Back to Backs and estate villages like Blaise Hamlet, near Bristol. In addition to houses, the book also covers fascinating buildings as diverse as churches, windmills, dovecotes, castles, follies, barns and even pubs. The book also acts as an overview of the country's architectural history, with every period covered, from the medieval stronghold of Bodiam Castle to the clean-lined Modernism of The Homewood. Teeming with stories of the people who lived and worked in these buildings: wealthy collectors (Charles Wade at Snowhill), captains of industry (William Armstrong at Cragside), prime ministers (Winston Churchill at Chartwell) and pop stars (John Lennon at Mendips). Written in evocative, imaginative prose and illustrated with glorious images from the National Trust's photographic library, this book is an essential guide to the built heritage of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

After moving from the Barleywood garden where he hosted BBC Gardeners' World for seven years, Alan Titchmarsh set up home in an old farmhouse a few miles down the road, and went about planting his own private eden away from the public eye. In this horticultural memoir Alan finally reveals all about this secret garden, explaining with his trademark warmth the personal stories behind its design and evolution. Accompanied by beautiful photographs taken by Jonathan Buckley throughout the eight years in which the garden has been made, *My Secret Garden* allows us access to all of the successes and failures of this diverse and ambitious project. Comprising many different styles and spaces - from an acre of formal beds and ponds

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to wild flower meadows and a stunning winter garden - Alan's tales of development and cultivation will be applicable to all gardeners. With the plot encompassing fruit trees, a handsome greenhouse and wildlife-friendly plantings, gardeners of all styles and levels of expertise will find something to enjoy. Driven by Alan's infectious and informative style, My Secret Garden is a fascinating, amusing and inspiring book.

'Charming miscellany of rhymes and reflections celebrating the garden' CHOICE \*\*\* The perfect bedside book for the green-fingered - hilarious and touching poems on a gardening theme written and introduced by the nation's favourite gardener and presenter of ITV's Grow Your Own At Home and Love Your Garden, Channel 5's Secrets of the National Trust and with his own show on Classic FM. From touching poems on the peony, the snowdrop and the sweet pea to hilarious verse on Emily the Gardener and the Garden Design Course, this is Alan Titchmarsh's heartfelt and entertaining celebration of his favourite space - the garden.

Timothy Gandy has kept his lifetime's ambition secret for forty years. Now, suddenly (if tragically) released from the hen-pecked tedium of his ordinary existence, he is unexpectedly free to realize his dreams. He will embark on a Grand Tour of Europe, following in the footsteps of the aristocrats of the eighteenth century. He anticipates high art, culture and pleasant weather. He never expected to encounter new friendships - and possibly even love - along the way. It seems that Mr Gandy has embarked on the journey of a lifetime . . .

READERS ARE LOVING MR GANDY'S GRAND TOUR: 'Another heartwarming story from Alan Titchmarsh' - 5 STARS 'Well worth reading' - 5 STARS 'What a sweet tale this was' - 5 STARS 'Loved it!' - 5 STARS 'Enchanting' - 5 STARS

Alan Titchmarsh takes us on a fascinating tour through the history of Britains royal gardens

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from medieval times to the present day. Taking in existing royal gardens as well as many that now only exist in paintings, Alan uncovers the stories behind the gardens and the colourful monarchs who created them. From Hampton Court Palace to Kew Palace and Gardens, to Osborne House and through to the modern day developments at the Prince of Wales' home at Highgrove, Alan takes a highly personal canter through Britain's gardening heritage. Fully illustrated with original plans, designs, letters, planting records and full colour diagrams of the major surviving gardens, this is a sumptuous book charting some of the most outstanding gardens in Britain.

The big skies and the extraordinary light of East Anglia make it unlike anywhere else in Britain, and offer the most amazing natural conditions in which to create gardens. The twenty-two gardens selected for Secret Gardens of East Anglia celebrate the culture, beauty and diversity of the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex, and all deserve to be better known. Introduced by eminent East Anglian plantswoman and national treasure Beth Chatto, the gardens appearing on these pages are brought to life by the award-winning author and photographer team of Barbara Segall and Marcus Harpur. From each garden we can learn about the creator's style, their talent for exploiting the genius loci, and the specific challenges and rewards they have encountered. Featured gardens include: -COLUMBINE HALL A moated garden with a series of green rooms -HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS A gem of a garden hidden in its own moated island -KIRTLING TOWER A field of daffodils for a Tudor gatehouse -RAVENINGHAM HALL Exquisite planting in the RHS president's private garden -THE MANOR HOUSE, FENSTANTON Garden rooms on Capability Brown's private estate - ULTING WICK Thousands of tulips against a backdrop of black wooden barns -WINTERTON



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LIGHTHOUSE A lush yet restrained garden framing a lighthouse -WYKEN HALL Vines and roses around an Elizabethan manor house.

Successful gardening depends on timing - knowing what to do and when to do it. Get ahead in your garden with this authoritative and easy-to-use gardener's companion to the horticultural year. Features more than 1,300 seasonal tasks for every part of your garden, including at-a-glance checklists of monthly jobs plus invaluable "Get Ahead" and "Last Chance" features to make best use of your time. Inspirational DIY projects for every month - from creating a small pond feature to making a cold frame - help you upgrade your garden or make maintenance easier. Sumptuously illustrated with over 1,000 glorious photographs, including a gallery of star plants for each month, plus expert advice on cultivation.

BY THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR Will opening the door lead to love and happy endings? Romance, humour and happy-ever-after endings, the delicious romantic new novel from the Sunday Times number one bestselling author of *A Vintage Wedding* and *A Summer at Sea*. 'Modern-day Austen. Great fun' *Red* 'Top-drawer romantic escapism' *Daily Mail* 'Deliciously enjoyable' *Red* 'Warm, brilliant and full of love' *Heat* Lorna and her friend Philly work together in the grounds of a beautiful manor house in the Cotswolds. But even though they are surrounded by family and friends, the door to true love remains resolutely closed. Could their discovery of a secret garden mean this is about to change? Whether you're a complete beginner or a keen gardener, there are always times when it helps to have a reliable expert at your side. In *The Complete How to be a Gardener*, Alan Titchmarsh draws on his extensive knowledge and experience to give you a comprehensive guide to becoming a successful gardener. Alan starts with the fundamentals, covering the absolute

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essentials that every gardener needs to know, including information on how plants work and what they need to survive, as well as where to begin if you're a first-time gardener. Each chapter includes practical advice and step-by-step techniques and projects, as well as information on garden maintenance and a host of Alan's favourite plants to help you in your selection. With its perfect balance of down-to-earth information and inspirational garden ideas, this complete paperback edition of *How to be a Gardener* gets to the very heart of gardening and provides a comprehensive reference manual for any garden owner.

Presents a collection of writings for each month of the year from "Gardeners' World" magazine. Tenth anniversary edition featuring two new chapters and almost 30 new plants. Gardens designed by Paul Bangay are renowned for their elegant proportions, careful use of materials and inspired choice of plants. In one garden, precise box hedging will frame billowing beds of perennials; while in another, olive trees emerge from an undergrowth of rosemary against a dramatic coastal landscape. In a Paul Bangay garden, you can be sure that every plant has been carefully selected to achieve a particular purpose at a specific site. This comprehensive and informative guide is the perfect companion to Paul Bangay's *Garden Design Handbook*, which revealed Paul's insights into successful garden design and construction, and answers the question- what do I plant and where? Rich with anecdotes about what has worked best over the years, and with a special focus on plants for our changing climate, the collection showcases Paul's A-list plants with photography from the best in the business, Simon Griffiths. Whether you're creating a garden for an inner-city courtyard or a rambling rural estate, this book contains the practical advice readers need to give their own patch of green the Paul Bangay look.

Gardening legend Alan Titchmarsh (Gardeners' World, Alan Titchmarsh Show) introduces a lavishly illustrated book about the best of Britain, showcasing the best houses, gardens, landscapes, natural history and artistic treasures. This is an illustrated journey around many of the most beautiful and fascinating places that the National Trust looks after. Whether you are an armchair explorer or you're thinking about your next National Trust visit or holiday, this is a book you will want to have. The tour starts in the Midlands, then we travel through England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, discovering spectacular and iconic landscapes; perfect beaches, dramatic hills, peaceful wood and precious wildlife reserves. Explore breathtaking and historic properties – country houses, castles, cottages, quirky follies and even strange cave houses. Many of them tell fascinating stories and contain remarkable treasures. From little walled gardens to painstakingly perfect topiary to riotously delightful cottage gardens, all sort of beautiful gardens and grand masterpieces are discovered. And finally, our most ancient landmarks are visited, including prehistoric standing stones, Saxon burial mounds and 1000-year-old trees. The tour is introduced by Alan Titchmarsh, a beloved national treasure and anchor of The Secrets of the National Trust series on Channel 5 in March 2017. The authors are Sally Palmer and Anna Groves, the editor of the National Trust magazine and one of its frequent contributors. In this inspirational and practical guide to country life, passionate and hugely knowledgeable countryman Alan Titchmarsh explores the heritage of rural Britain, its

landscapes and wildlife, its traditions, customs and crafts. The Lost Skills and Crafts Handbook will help you rediscover your love of the countryside, including: - a checklist of British butterflies and where to find them - how to keep chickens, ducks, goats and sheep - how to make soap, candles and your own herbal remedies - how to track animals and forage for food - essential knot tying - how to build a campfire without matches - how to create a kitchen garden - the origins of country superstitions And much more. With beautiful line art illustrations throughout, this compendium of the British countryside and its delights will be an essential read for any nature lover in your life.

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mission in France. It is here that her courage and loyalty are truly put to the test. And where she learns that no one is what they seem: at home or abroad ...

Will Elliott is out of a job. The lighthouse he's been manning on Prince Albert Rock, off the wild Cornish coast, is about to become automated. So Will decides to fulfil his lifelong ambition - to sail round the coastline of Britain. Determined to continue his solitary existence, Will begins his preparations for his epic voyage. But before he has time to so much as paint his hull, he meets Amy Finn - a beautiful artist and fellow loner. And as if that isn't distraction enough, suddenly his sleepy Cornish village is rocked by the biggest scandal to hit Cornwall since Guenevere ran off with Launcelot. It seems as if Will will never get away, and even if he does will his journey be solo or is there hope that he and Amy could be embarking on a two-man voyage of discovery?

Alan Titchmarsh's hit TV primetime show *Love Your Garden* will be back for a second series in June 2012, and this is the first official tie-in. Much-loved broadcaster and bestselling author Alan Titchmarsh has returned to his gardening roots as presenter of ITV1's *Love Your Garden*. In this hugely popular show, Alan visits some of Britain's most beautiful domestic gardens, and shows us how to recreate the look ourselves, with minimum fuss. On each visit, he also helps out with any problem areas, and suggest ways to improve the design, while his team of co-presenters, Matt James, Valentine Warner, Charlotte Uhlenbrouk and Laetitia Maklouf, are on hand with advice on design, growing your own food, wildlife and craft. In this essential accompanying

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