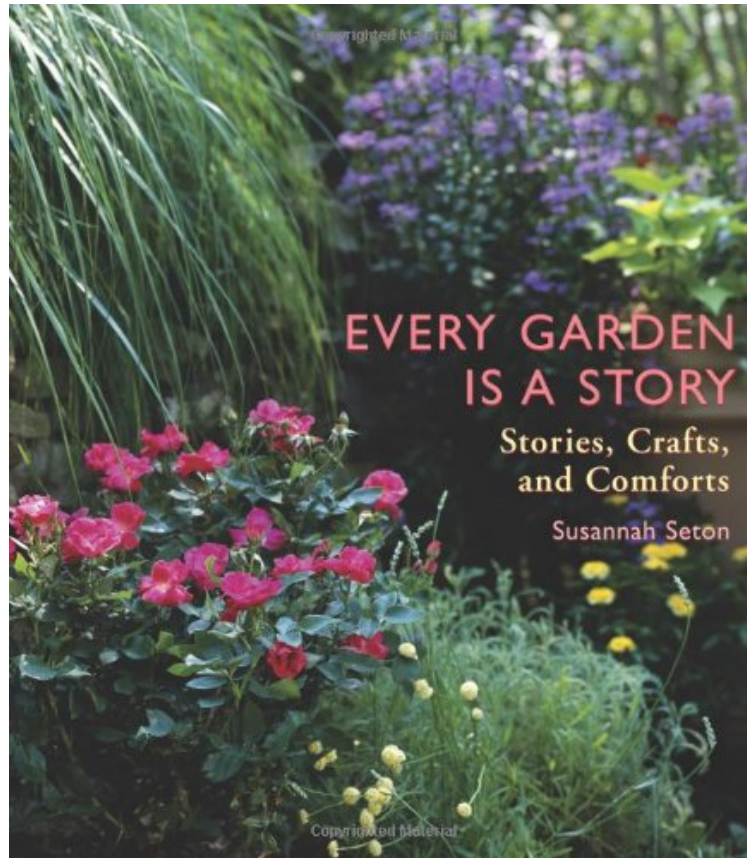


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smell the lavender. The photos and the quotes were perfect during a rainy day. Some stories reflect on how gardens are a way to remain connected with family members. The author plants Crimson Glory, the same roses that her dad planted. I understand how the author feels, as every time I see gladiolas I'm reminded of my grandmother's garden. Other stories offer advice. The Bridal Wreath shows us the power of pruning and how everyone benefits by letting go of the deadweight. My Cutting Garden reminds us of the importance of bringing part of the natural world inside and to pursue hobbies that you enjoy without worrying about being perfect. The recipes sounded delicious, especially if you've pick the vegetables fresh from your garden. If you're tired of steamed asparagus, try the recipe for Stir-fried Asparagus. Asparagus, garlic, fresh ginger and fresh basil sounds like a perfect way to welcome Spring. Want your children to eat more vegetables? Have them help you plant different greens and then make the Fresh Herb Salad. Have a bumper crop of zucchini, tomatoes and peppers? Invite your friends over for a dish of Stuffed Garden. Or enjoy Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper Soup. There are plenty of gifts that you can make. Surprise your family with Mother's Day Sachets. Select a meaningful bouquet using the language of flowers. Grow your own loofah sponges. Celebrate graduations or other milestones with homemade leis. If you live in an apartment, you can make a hanging vegetable basket. Or you could order a card that comes with seeds inside. You plant what seeds came in the card and then enjoy the flowers, herbs or vegetables that sprout. The resource list at the back will help you find supplies or botanical societies that you'd like to join. Armchair Interviews says: This book is a wonderful way to celebrate each season and each stage of gardening.

Susannah Seton reminds us in this book that reader and gardener alike have much to learn from their gardens. The poignant and touching stories take the reader on a journey through garden beds, along the way reinforcing how to care for themselves and their loved ones by caring for the Earth.

About the Author Susannah Seton is the author of *Simple Pleasures of the Home*, *Simple Pleasures of the Garden*, and *Simple Pleasures for the Holidays*, co-author of *Simple Pleasures: Soothing Suggestions and Small Comforts for Living Well Year-Round*, and co-author with Sondra Kornblatt of *365 Energy Boosters*. She lives in Berkeley, California with her husband and daughter.