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The Gardener Says

Quotes, Quips, and Words of Wisdom Compiled and edited by Nina Pick

The Gardener Says invites readers to a festive garden party where guests ranging from Gertrude Jekyll and Henry David Thoreau to Michelle Obama and Michael Pollan share their insights and words of inspiration. Ranging from the humorous to the poignant, these quotes from gardeners, poets, philosophers, and landscape designers highlight both the joys and challenges of gardening—the exhaustion at the end of a long day's work, the satisfaction of seeing a flower blossom, the peace and happiness of time spent in quiet contemplation. A delightful hobby, a potent tool for ecological and social transformation, and a crucial reminder of our place in nature, gardening is, in the words of Mirabel Osler, the one occupation where "if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling."

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Trees could solve the problem if people trying to improve things would only allow them to take over.

Peter Whildlebea (1964-)

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Patience is a lazy gardener's best friend.

Mess Gray (1939-)

GARDENING IS THE SLOWEST OF THE PERFORMING ARTS.

Mes Grinold (1934-)

A LAWN
IS NATURE
UNDER
TOTALITARIAN
RULE.

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THE GARDENING
FROM THE
WILDERNESS
OUTSIDE
THE GARDEN
GATE.

Windy Johnson (1950-)

A garden is **SOMETIMES** a grand teacher. A TREE It teaches patience **TELLS YOU** and careful **MORE THAN** watchfulness; **CAN BE READ** it teaches industry IN BOOKS. and thrift: C. G. Jung (1875-1961) above all it teaches entire trust.

