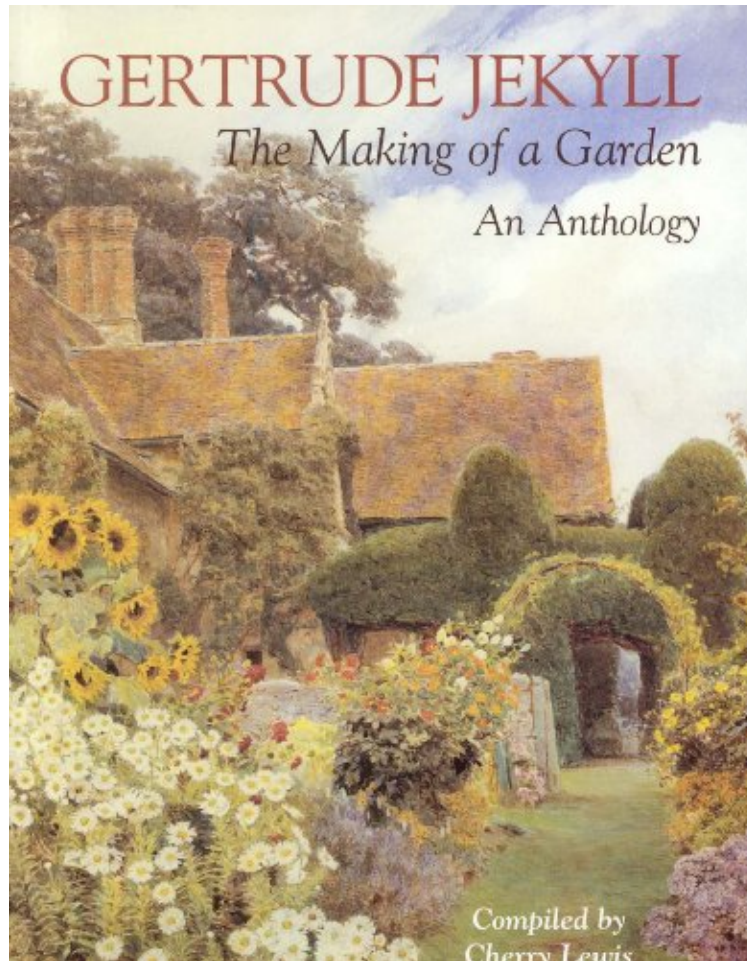


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wastrel seed from last summer's plant. Or perhaps it is that special time of day when, garden tended, we relax after our labors and read of the history of the smells and sights we've unblanketed. Whatever the reason, returning to the timeless writings of Gertrude Jekyll and the inimitable manner in which she shared her passion and love for her garden is renewing and rewarding. In this beautiful book compiled by Cherry Lewis are photographs and numerous paintings that provided the atmosphere of an illuminated manuscript to the wise, warm, thoughtful and enormously timeless instruction for the gardener. Her writings are composed like conversations about old friends, and on reading we just happen to feel like one of them. Jekyll lived from 1843 to 1932 and never stopped discussing the care and management of the gardens she grew and those she designed. And her advice is superior to the many wordy, current 'how to' books on gardening because that advice comes not only from a botanist but also a naturalist. This lavishly illustrated book contains some lovely old painting reproductions in super color and on quality paper. Appearing like a Valentine yet containing solid sage advice on horticulture, this book is a treasure house of information and reveries. And perhaps that is why it surfaces so comfortably during Spring to linger on the coffee table year round. A Gift.
Grady Harp, April 05

This anthology, now available in a completely revised edition, encompasses a rich legacy of gardening wisdom left by Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932), one of the great gardeners of the century and certainly one of the most influential. She published ten inspiring gardening books between 1899 and 1937. It is from these that the excerpts in this anthology have been selected. Trained at art school, Gertrude developed strongly held views on design, form and the use of colour in the garden. These views are reflected throughout the book and take us through the year, season by season. Her observations will entertain those who delight in reading about the heart and soul of gardening as well as educate those with a more practical style. Gertrude Jekyll's desire was to stimulate the reader to action through her straightforward, no nonsense, approach which kept her and her readers from becoming a slave to the garden or its plants. This book is richly illustrated, not only with Gertrude Jekyll's own drawings and