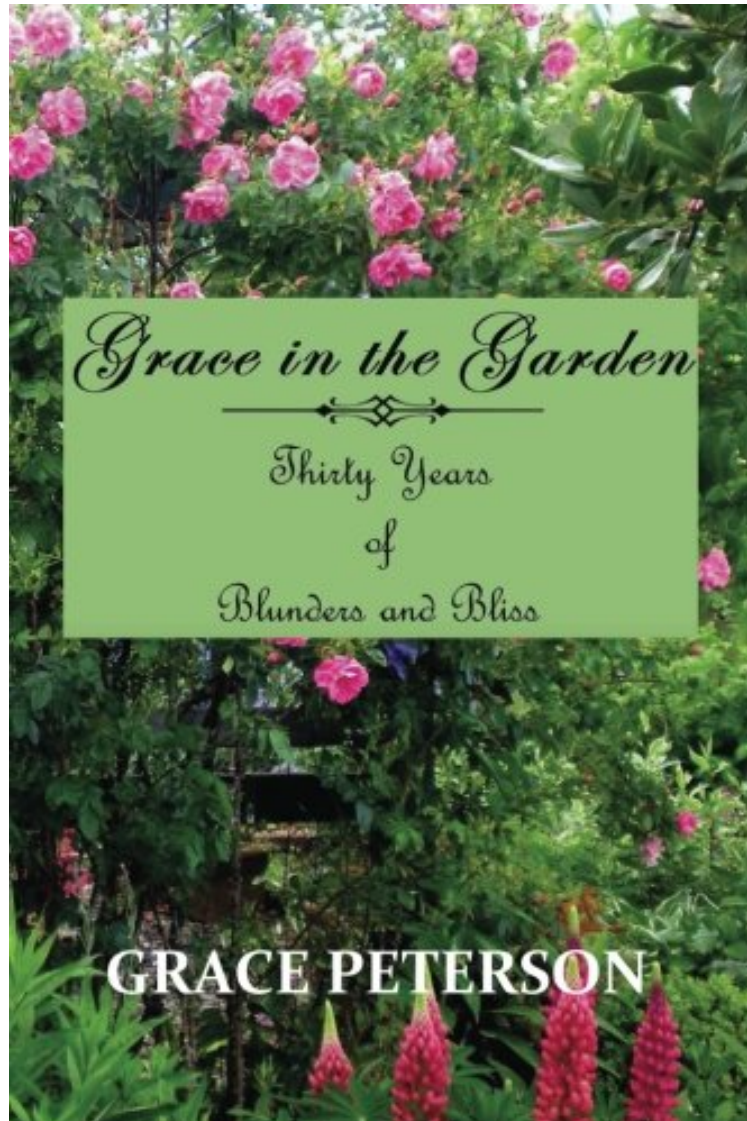


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the person creating it. In the Chapter Healthy Escapism, she says that Years ago, I read that gardeners, whether they were aware of it or not, attempt to mimic special places they enjoyed during their childhood. Although she and her siblings had a difficult family life, they were able to escape to the outdoors. Her evocative description of the river property in Southern Oregon places the reader there. In her several gardens over the years, she has tried to recreate this oasis. The blunders and bliss reflect the trial and error that goes into gardening: should that be in the shade, that soil, near water? By talking to other gardeners and joining gardening clubs she continued to learn and her garden prospered. She is often rearranging her garden, as plants show signs of stress or turn out to be the kind that spread all over. The planning and design, the latest fad in plants, the loss of a shrub or tree that has become part of your life, perennials versus annuals, all this will be familiar to any gardener. I enjoyed this book and will return to it, walking in wherever I feel like that day and observing what is growing, what is not doing so well, and sharing with the author her excitement at a new plant or a row of roses in full bloom. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Delightful Read! By Anna Maria Mullins Grace shares her love of gardening and how she became a Master Gardener in a light hearted style that is fun and easy to read. You can almost smell the dirt, as well as the flowers, as she describes making decisions on where her plants will go when she moves from one location to another. The black and white prints are nice but I've seen photos of her garden and they don't do it justice. Visit her garden blog to be amazed at her masterpieces. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Charming By Everhopeful Page after page, I was charmed, amused, and informed by this lovely book. What a remarkable account of one's love for gardening. It is an inspiring book for anyone interested growing things. It is wise, witty, and exquisitely written. I know it will be one of my favorites for a long time. It's filled with creative gardening ideas I would never have thought of (even though I've been gardening for decades). And it's a book about our relationship with nature, as well as many other aspects of life.

The gardening lexicon is crowded with books describing how to garden. In these twenty-nine short chapters, Grace Peterson captures the essence of why we garden. A self-proclaimed graduate of the School of Hard Knocks, Grace never hesitates to entertain with stories drawn from her own missteps and catastrophes. However, she is also a certified Master Gardener, so make no mistake, she knows her stuff. Read this book and let Grace carry you on a river of words. You will explore tributaries where she will tease you with her wicked wit before surprising you with unexpected outcomes. In Grace's capable hands, gardening becomes an irresistible metaphor for life itself. Through it all, she will convince you that gardening is just plain fun. ~Ricki Grady, author of *Bebop Garden, Riffing and Jiving in the Plant Kingdom* and blogger at "Sprig to Twig"

About the Author Grace Peterson, certified Master Gardener, is an author, garden columnist, and blogger who lives in western Oregon. Her memoir, *Reaching*, was awarded the gold standard of literary excellence by Princeton Literary .