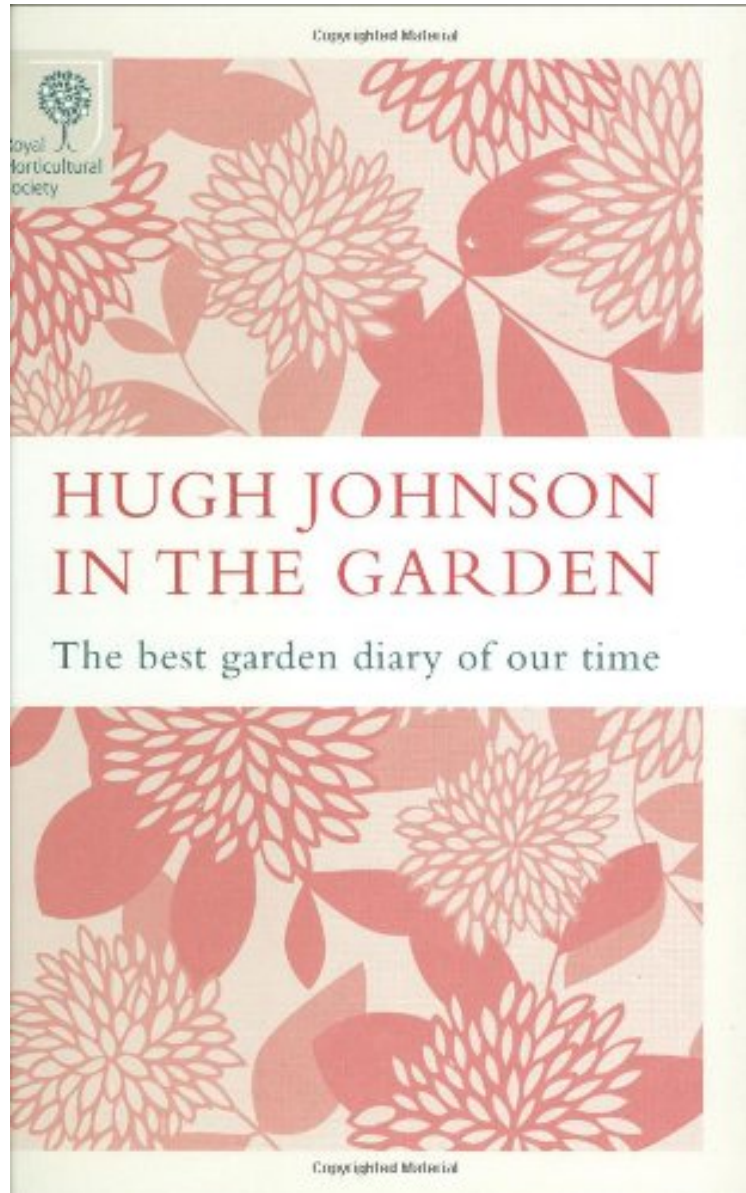


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A gentle appreciation not a referenceBy SallyI have to disagree with the other reviewer who seems to be reviewing a book wished for rather than the book purchased. There is nothing in

this book to suggest it is a 'how to' or reference book. It is instead a collection of gentle appreciation of gardens, gardening, and gardeners. Many of the brief entries are quite lyrical and remind us to look closely and appreciatively at nature. Some of them are gently funny and will bring a smile of recognition of the pleasures and frustrations of working with plants. None of this requires a stately home and garden. It is delightfully written and less about how and more about why. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. How the other half gardens By Celtic Engineer If I owned a stately home, or some woods in Wales, or vineyards and forests in France, I should now know exactly what to do with them - engage some Garden Staff to run around the conservatory painting the plants' toenails.... Not having any of these things, Mr Johnson's musings don't strike any chords. (And after the third piece about how leaves are affected by spring frost, one wonders what the editor was thinking). If you are an ordinary mortal (a job, limited garden space, plants mysteriously and persistently die...) I'd recommend Henry Mitchell's work instead. Mitchell also has a sense of humor.

Hugh Johnson in the Garden contains a selection of the much-loved writings of Hugh Johnson for the Royal Horticultural Society magazine, *The Garden*. Perhaps best known for his wine writing, Hugh Johnson's passion for gardening shines through in this gently compelling diary written about his renowned garden. Trad's diary, a column of garden jottings, first appeared in the RHS magazine, *The Garden*, in June 1975. Hugh Johnson was its author (in addition to being the Editorial Director of the magazine) and it became a monthly fixture for the RHS's committed gardeners. Hugh's writings are filled with an eclectic mixture of topical, whimsical and humorous anecdotes and are organized to follow a gardener to Lord Cecil at Hatfield House and to King James I, one of the first men to introduce plants from foreign countries to his garden. Hugh's writings appeared in *The Garden* from 1975-2006, in *Gardens Illustrated* in 2007, and in 2008 still appear monthly through his own website.

About the Author Hugh Johnson is the world's preeminent writer on wine, but he is also arguably the world's leading popular writer on gardening and, in 2007, he was awarded the OBE for services to winemaking and horticulture. Perhaps known best to millions through his internationally bestselling wine books, *Hugh Johnson in the Garden* shows a different facet of Hugh's expertise.