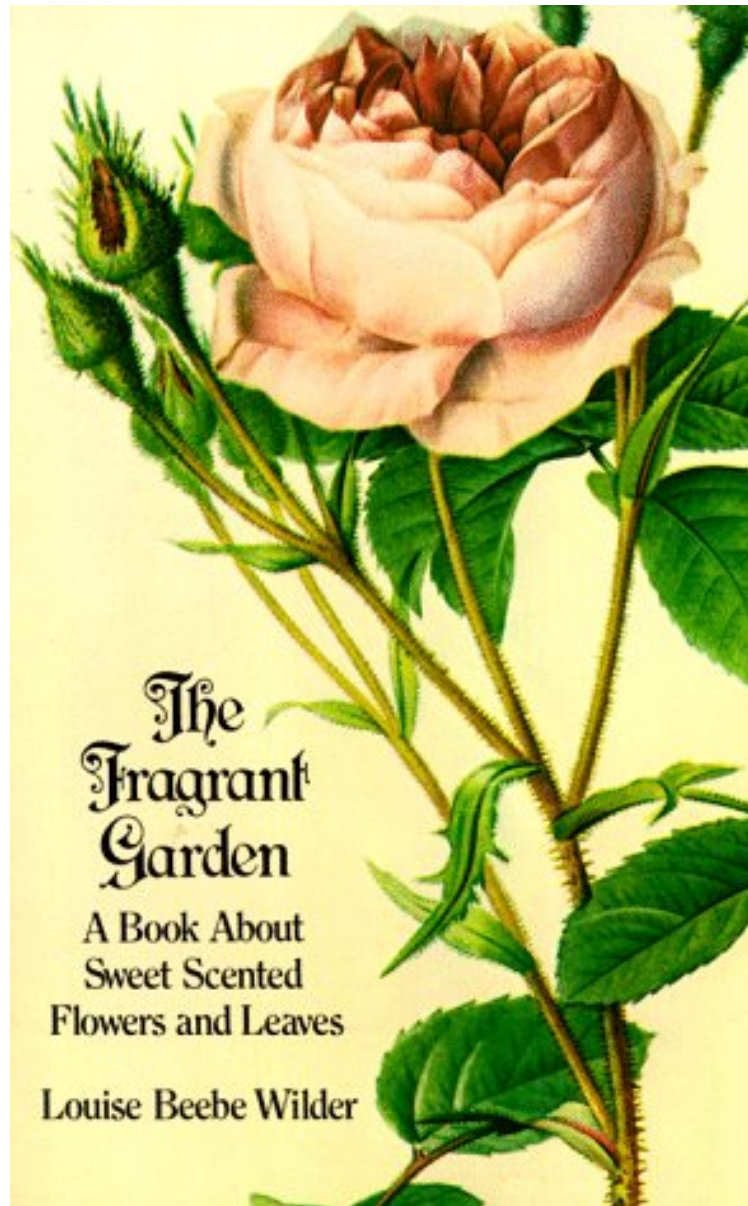


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. This book never gets oldBy Jeani RectorAlthough written in the 1930s, this book (originally titled *The Fragrant Path*) is balm for the soul. Not having any drawings or photographs might put some readers off; but Ms. Wilder paints pictures with words. I have read this book from cover to cover at least three times. A beautifully well-written book for all obsessed gardeners such as myself.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. *Lovely Meditation on Fragrant Flowers*By G. PattersonMs. Beebe Wilder loved fragrant flowers and this love illuminates this book. While it is definitely not a book that will help one design a garden, it is one that will inspire one to plant a fragrant garden. This book is a tribute to a time when plants weren't sold in commercial bundles in the local mega-hardware store, landscapes weren't regimented into standardized plots in front of tract houses that are meant to be only peripherally acknowledged as being present but not appreciated beyond their "easy care", concrete curbed, existence. This book glows with an earlier mindset of planting cuttings from friend's gardens and watching them grow, of long patient months and years of experimenting with garden design, and a appreciation for taking time to truly experience things that make gardens worth lingering in. However, this book is not a design book. It will give you ideas of what flowers you might like to plant in a garden, and perhaps a tip or two for growing them, but it won't help a designer. Ms. Beebe Wilder leaves that to the reader to work out. In a way, I enjoyed this aspect. Instead of spoon feeding the reader a quick fix for a fragrant garden, that might or might not work in any given location or setting, she leaves that to the reader to consider. She takes the track of meditating on flowers, how they smell, their pluses and minuses, and a few memories she has of how she acquired them for her garden. In all, this book is a beautiful serenade to those lucky flowers she chose to honor. If you just want to sit, return to a time of sweet timelessness, and read a gentle book of one person's love for her garden, this is the book for you.

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