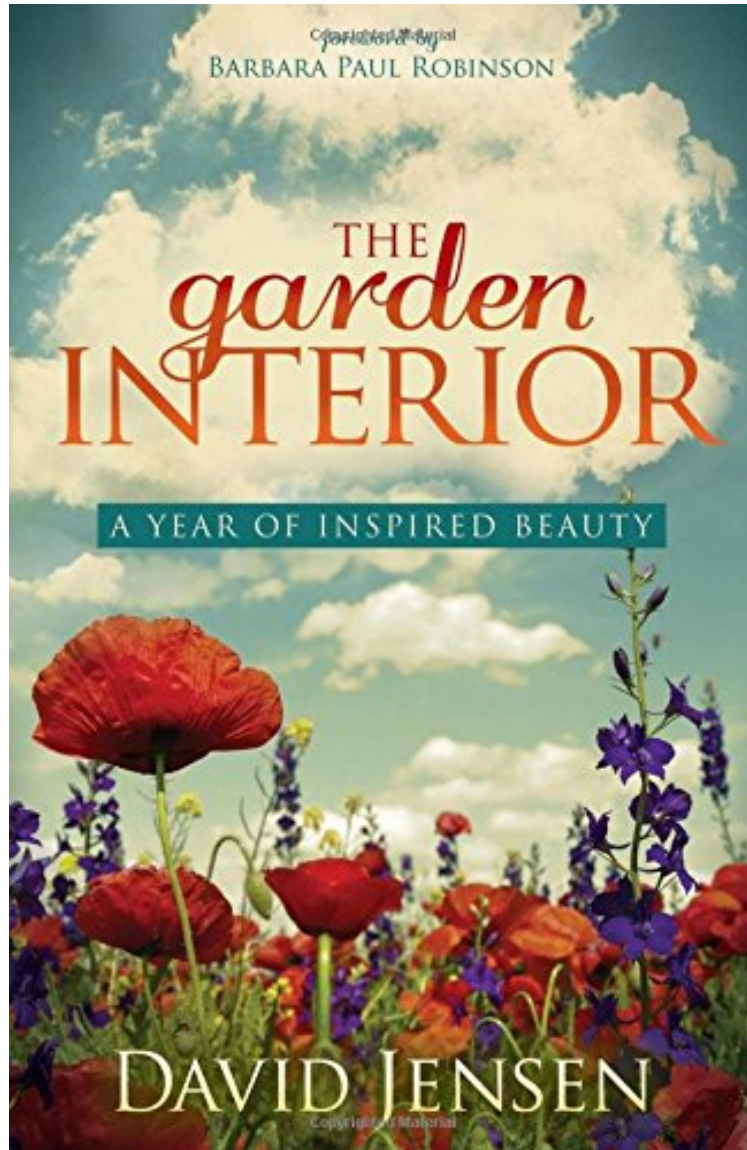


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The Garden Interior is the beautiful and inspired story of how one great garden raised a family and of what goes on inside the heart and mind of a gardener. Against the backdrop of the story of one modern-day family growing up in a rambling old arts and crafts house with a gorgeous acre of lush, mature gardens, this loving memoir is filled with gardening wisdom, humor, and nostalgia for growing up in the 1960s and 70s; it is also loaded with distinctive foodie tips and recipes that will inspire you to try them, whether you are a gardener or not. You'll also experience a garden in each month of the calendar and encounter a lively and readable guide to being a better and more engaged gardener by understanding the rich interior life of this beautiful discipline and craft. The Garden Interior is more than the story of a family and gardening, though. It is about persistence, hope, letting go, and saying goodbyeto our gardens, to our homes, and to our children. It is about letting the things and people we love fulfill their own destinies and be what they must be. It is about navigating love and loss and change by surrendering the self and practicing humble acceptance. The Garden Interior is for anyone who has had these life experiences, whether sad or joyful. Its powerful final pages will move you and change you.

"'The Garden Interior' brings to mind Frances Mayess'Under the Tuscan Sun', though in a more stateside and family-focused manner." ---Foreword s "It's a month-by-month garden memoir in the beloved tradition of Henry Mitchell, which means it's brimming with expertise and commentary and leavened with quirky humor, endearing humility, and a sense of wonder that is both cosmic and grounded, quite literally, in the soil."--- The Philadelphia Inquirer In this book David Jensen joins the ranks of garden writers whose words come from the soul as well as the soil. Written as a seasonal diary in the voice of a true place maker, his passion for themid-Atlanticgardenhe calls homeshines through on every page. --- Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, president of The Foundation for Landscape Studies and author of "Writing the Garden, A Literary Conversation Across Two Centuries." Dont take this book to bed--treat yourself to a quiet moment with a cup of coffee and David Jensen as your warm, witty, and wonderful companion."The Garden Interior" is a generously personal account of the gardening year, which eloquently reminds us that its not so much about what we gardeners do for Nature, but what Nature does for us. --- Angelica Gray, author of "Gardens of Marrakesh." Reading David Jensen makes me want to sit right down and start writing or go do some planting in my own garden. He declares in the Introduction that his book is about . . .how a garden grew and how a gardener grew as well, and how they formed and cared for each other. Gardening how to--and how not to--is in these pages but what is unique is the authors discoveries of why we garden. Bravo! --- Elvin McDonald, author of more than 50 gardening books and former garden editor of "House Beautiful," "Family Circle," "Traditional Home" and "Better Homes and Gardens." David Jensen is an American gardener who is a long-time contributor at EverythingZoomer.com and has earned the handle The Spiritual Gardener. With this beautiful book, more readers will get to know what our readers already do: that there are wonderful interior changes that happen to serious gardeners on the joyful journey of discovery that is the gardening art. --- Suzanne Boyd, Editor-in Chief of "Zoomer Magazine" and EverythingZoomer.com. I could tell immediately from reading David Jensen's delightful book that we are kindred spirits. Reading these pages is like having an intimate and engaging conversation with a wise and interesting friend, one who shares my personal passion for gardening. --- Barbara Paul Robinson, author of "Rosemary Verey: The Life and Lessons of a Legendary Gardener." A heartfelt and deeply personal account of one mans gardening life. Delicious recipes accompany wise words of horticultural advice from a skilled and devoted gardener. --- Alex Ramsay, photographer for "Japanese Zen Gardens" and "The Gardens of Venice" and the "Veneto." About the Author David Jensen is a self-taught master gardener with half a century's experience of organic and holistic gardening; his history also includes being a Rhodes Scholar, Oxford-trained lawyer, presidential appointee for international economic policy, and an international television executive. Jensen curates the popular gardening website TheGardenInterior.com and is

the gardening contributor to Canadas popular website for active baby boomers, EverythingZoomer.com. He lives and gardens now with his wife, Deb, at their homes in Denver and in Scottsdale, and his gardening motto is Qui plantavit florebit (He who has planted, will flourish).