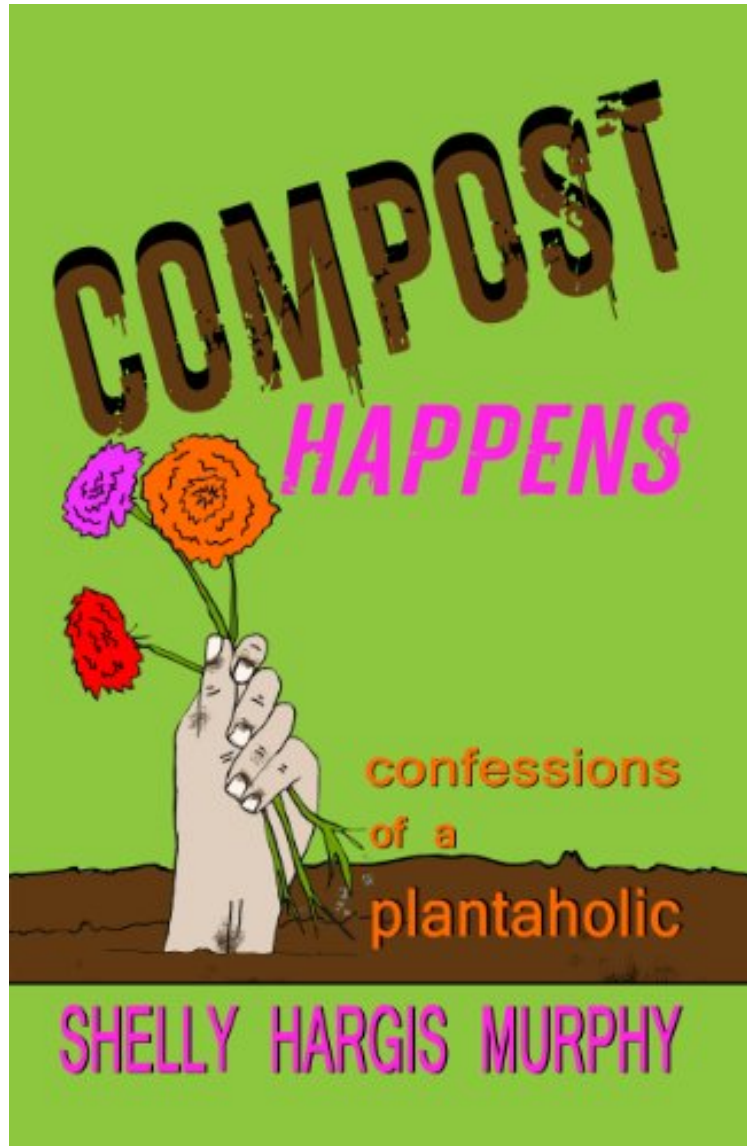


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well-written account by master gardener Shelly Murphy. This is not how-to book, but features an instantly recognizable story - facing and overcoming, or learning to deal with, life's many challenges. In this case, the challenges come by way of gardening, and Murphy's story leaves you wanting more. "Compost Happens, Confessions of a Plantaholic" is a telling of Murphy's adventures and misadventures with plants. Making the book a compelling read are her straight-forward style, her effective story telling and her humor. For example, she tells of her first experience with plants as a child growing up in Texas - a hydroponic experiment with a sweet potato. It didn't work out as a house plant, but Murphy turns the incident into a funny story. Murphy doesn't miss the chance to also cultivate the dark side, but, as with the sweet potato story, she boosts those with good humor. For instance, there was the time she was told a sewer line would have to be cut across her garden - a garden nurtured with her blood, sweat and toil, her most treasured possession, her paradise. But she couldn't bear tearing up the garden and she and her husband decided against the sewer cut, which would have been needed if they had decided to expand their house. Her husband's initial response to her decision to spare the garden: "Has your mind been fogged by too much fertilizer dust?" Chapter titles like "God will get even with you" and "I don't do bugs," give the reader a clue more compelling reading is ahead. Good stuff. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. it all turns to compost By Customer It all turns to compost: a review of COMPOST HAPPENS According to Shelly H. Murphy, author of COMPOST HAPPENS: Confessions of a Plantaholic, "Something's always happening in a garden. Sooner or later it all turns to compost, including the gardener." Shelly's sense of humor, her candor in confessing her gardening mistakes, and her gardener's optimism that next year there will not be a late freeze and it will rain just enough at the right time engage the reader in a delightful romp through Shelly's gardening triumphs and disasters. COMPOST HAPPENS is a must read for gardeners and non-gardeners alike. The book makes a great gift for the experienced, novice, or wannabe gardener on your gift list. I highly recommend this book.

Something's always happening in a garden. Sooner or it all turns to compost, including the gardener. After growing ornamentals a dozen years on a rocky hard clay slope, the queen of gardening gaffes confesses why: "I don't do bugs, the buck stops here, some plants are X-rated and God will get even with you; attacks from crape murderers and a fat chance of rain may lead to horticultural holocaust and a decent burial; attitude is everything in a pricey pa\$t-time that sure beats a shrink, may be in the genes and have one asking, 'Can this disease be cured?' "

About the Author Shelly Hargis Murphy grew up in the desert Southwest in a horticultural-challenged environment. She married her college sweetheart and they moved so often the next 25 years with his coaching career she only planted annuals in pots. It wasn't until they settled in Georgia in 1993, that she could finally put down serious roots. By 2002, when she received certification as a Georgia Master Gardener, she'd made enough mistakes to fill a how-not-to-garden book. She and her husband, Ed, live in Carrollton.