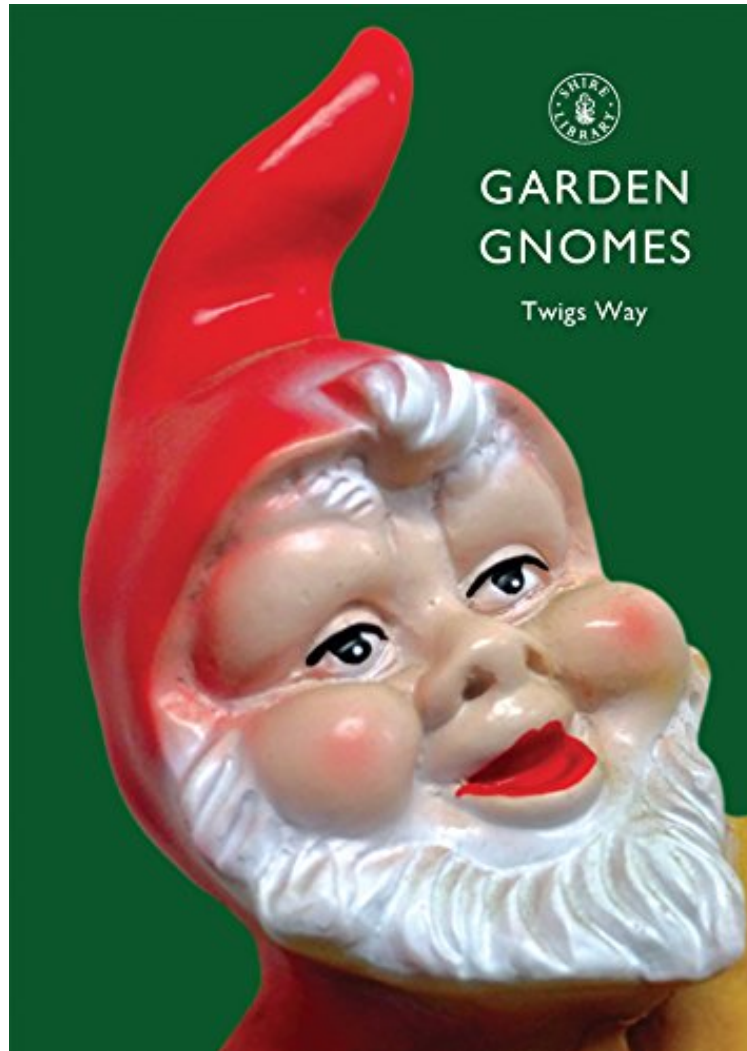


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What makes this book stand apart from any other book on such topics is that it's actually a serious history of one of our most beloved gardening icons. Sure, it's funny, but it's also filled with historical facts. I loved it. I think it's the perfect gift for garden-lovers and history buffs alike. Tales from Clark Street, talesfromclarkstreet.blogspot.com (September 2009)About the AuthorTwigs Way is a garden historian and writer, and the author of a number of books on garden subjects, including *Crocodiles in the Fernery* and *Allotments*. The author lives in Cambridge, England.