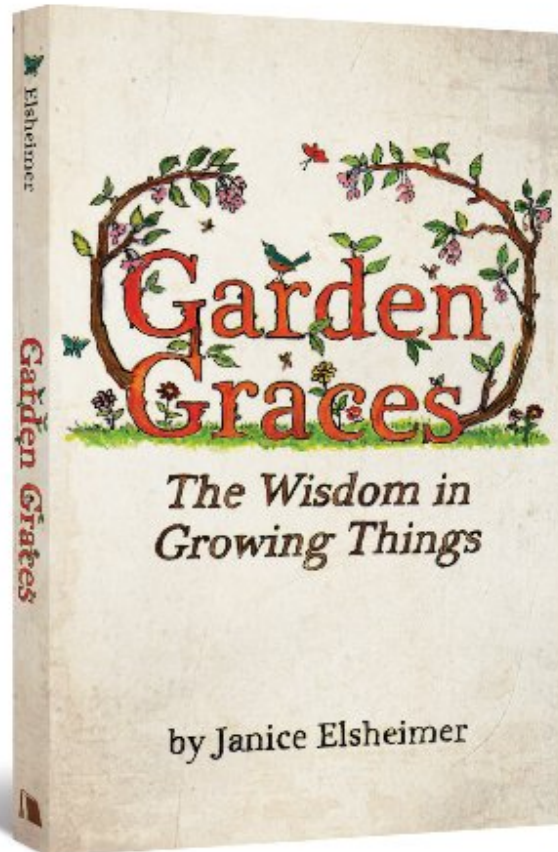


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Janice Elsheimer : Garden Graces: The Wisdom in Growing Things before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Garden Graces: The Wisdom in Growing Things:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Garden Graces Provides Wisdom In and Out of the GardenBy Debby Henry Although I love a great garden and all its fresh produce, a gardener I am not. I confess. I like watching my husband and kids prepare the soil, plant, and water; and then, when all those wonderful vegetables and herbs are ready for gathering, I join in. So when I started reading Janice's book, I didn't pick it up for the wisdom in growing things (although I did learn a lot about gardening); I picked it up because I know Janice is a great writer and I wanted to read her stuff. So, besides the unexpected enjoyment I received from Janice's gardening know-how, I most enjoyed Janice's life metaphors. She went back-and-forth between introducing a flower in one chapter, followed by two chapters of gardening techniques or terms, and then making comparisons to our lives and spiritual journeys through "Staying Grounded" and "Soul Gardening." Each chapter is short and easy to read (another bonus). Here's a sampling

of one of my favorite examples. "Sometimes we're caught off guard by an unexpected gift of new planting material. . . Yet what should you do when you don't have time to prepare the soil properly before the plants either dry up or rot? Heeling in lets you put your plants on hold until you're ready to plant them. One of the hardest things for me to do is to 'heel in' and wait for the right timing before plunging into a new challenge. . . Heeling in means parking something--including my need to understand and control a situation--in a place that's not its final home and waiting for God to reveal the best time and place for it to settle. Heeling in requires faith and letting go; it requires the ability to relinquish control."Whether or not you're a gardener, *Garden Graces* is a book I think you'll enjoy. And who knows, you may go out and plant a thing or two. I did.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. insight into garden artistBy nana8Janice Elsheimer's book, *Garden Graces* gave me insight into the gardener-artist. Not only did the book share helpful gardening instruction but it inspired me to be that garden-artist with my few plants and especially in my life. Also, as a grandmother, I was encouraged to pass along my artistry to my grandchildren (mainly as a cook, but in my plantings) as Janice's father and other gave life lessons in gardening to her. Janice's very vulnerable sharing of her life augments the need we all have in gardening in the soil of our life.

The earth is the gardeners canvas; the arrangement, care, and cultivation of all the elements in the garden constitute the gardeners medium, the gardeners art form. All art begins with inspiration, the breathing in of ideas, visions, and energy from the Master Creator of the universe. When we come to the garden, we offer our talents and present our willingness to engage in this hard but satisfying work. Then we wait in expectation for that inspirationfor how we should garden, and how we should live. Based on wisdom learned while cultivating her own garden, *Garden Graces* is Janice Elsheimers hope and help for growing things. Filled with practical insights, reliable gardening information, and Bible-based truths, this resource will offer readers gardening tips alongside metaphors for life that will help them cultivate their gardens-and their spiritual journey.For those who find themselves pursuing the perfect bulb or pulling the persistent weed, Elsheimers charm and grace in the garden will help you recognize that nowhere else do we experience the oneness between the Creator and creation as intimately as we do in the garden.

About the AuthorJANICE ELSHEIMER is a popular humorist, essayist, and speaker who has inspired audiences and readers alike. She is the author of the award-winning book, *The Creative Call*. Her work has also appeared in numerous periodicals and compilations. Janice and her husband live in Winter Park, Florida, where she writes, teaches, and gardens.