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British novelist Ronald Firbank once described a character who, when entering a room, brought with her the tranquility of gardens. Diana Ross brings that feeling of tranquility and beauty to readers in this charming and informative book. In Gardeners, she leads a tour of nearly two dozen of Britains loveliest gardens, exploring each

space in depth and talking with the owner. Through these interviews, readers learn about the owners relationship with the plants, who and what have inspired them, and how they approach the pleasures and challenges of garden making. Some are famous horticulturalists and designers; others gifted amateurs. Ross simpatico style brings out each subjects particular approach. They include Roy Lancaster, Thomas Pakenham, Lady Salisbury, Anthea Gibson, Dan Pearson, Kim Wilkie, Beth Chatto, James Lovelock, and others.

Disparate as they doubtless are, when such luminaries as Roy Lancaster, Lucinda Lambton, Hugh Johnson, James Lovelock et al are gathered into one small book, the power of their energy and self-belief iss quite something. So forget your wintry garden, retreat to a big armchair and enjoy living vicariously. --Sunday TelegraphAt the anthology end of the mrket there is justified favour for Diana Ross's 'Gardeners'. Those encountered run from Roy Lancaster to Lucinda Lambton, though the former is an exceptional gardener in a way that the latter would never claim to be. Others include the novelist Penelope Lively and the remarkable Tony Hall at Kew, both of whom make some fascinating observations about the gardening that they really love. --Financial TimesAbout the AuthorDiana Ross is an amateur gardener who turned her hand to writing relatively recently. She began writing for Hortus in 1995, and in 2000 began her series of interviews with gardeners.