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Joyce McGreevy : Gardening by Heart: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Garden (Sierra Club Books Publication) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardening by Heart: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Garden (Sierra Club Books Publication):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Read this book in your garden! By Steve Umstead I just finished reading this lovely book over a two day period while sitting in my garden. Joyce McGreevy's advice about living in the moment and appreciating even the smallest living thing should become words to live by for all of us hurtling through the beginning of this new century. She encourages her readers to establish and maintain contact with nature, even if it is just being aware of the new sprouts on our pepperomia. She offers recipes, practical advice and unique ideas about how to engage even a recalcitrant child or a grumpy crumudgeon in the wonders of the natural world. This is a MUST read for all gardeners no matter what your experience! 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A

must read (over and over)By J. A. CasonPerfect reading at bedtime or early morning with a cup of your favorite hot beverage. Actually, it's perfect reading anytime--thought-provoking, warm, and funny. My partner and I both enjoyed it immensely, but the biggest impact it made was on my mother. I sent her a copy for Mother's Day and she read a little bit every day during her radiation treatments for breast cancer. She loved it so much she bought copies for the waiting room--she said it had the power to inspire in the face of physical suffering. A great gift for yourself, a loved one, or--as my mother did--for strangers in need of a boost. Enjoy!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Gardening as Metaphor and MeaningBy William B T MockThis wonderful book, written by an award-winning author and poet, weaves together a deep love of the natural world and a deep understanding of an inner spiritual and emotional life that can often be understood best in oneself by living in harmony with nature. Joyce McGreevy writes beautifully, whether it be about her mother's love of rosemary and the effect it has on the author to this day, or about "gardening at the office" so as to bring meaning to an often-dehumanizing setting. If you love beauty in all its forms, if you are seeking a way to reconnect with a sense of peace and joy, or if you seek a simple reminder of the little things that matter in life, this is going to be a valuable book for you.

A collection of evocative personal essays surveys the range of emotional, spiritual, and practical issues raised by gardening and provides readers with a bounty of tips, ideas and even recipes.

From BooklistGardens are places where we can witness in hushed amazement the beauty of a hummingbird in flight. McGreevy writes for all who are grateful for such encounters, and for others who may wish to be reminded that those magical moments occur. In essays that reflect on her own life experiences, McGreevy affirms that sacred elements can and do exist in unlikely places, too. Her inspirational reminiscences urge readers to behold the wonders of the natural world, both grand and small. Projects to heighten awareness, and recipes that celebrate the harvesting of vegetables and herbs, commingle with her musings. Whether encouraging readers to gaze on weeds from a new perspective or reflecting on the link between the rain forest and eating a hamburger, McGreevy contemplates the connectedness of all living things. Alice JoyceCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorJoyce McGreevy is a writer of creative nonfiction and a longtime gardener. A journalist and poet, she has also written a children's book and was publicist for The Western Stage, a nationally recognized theatre company in Salinas, California. She lives in Monterey County, California.