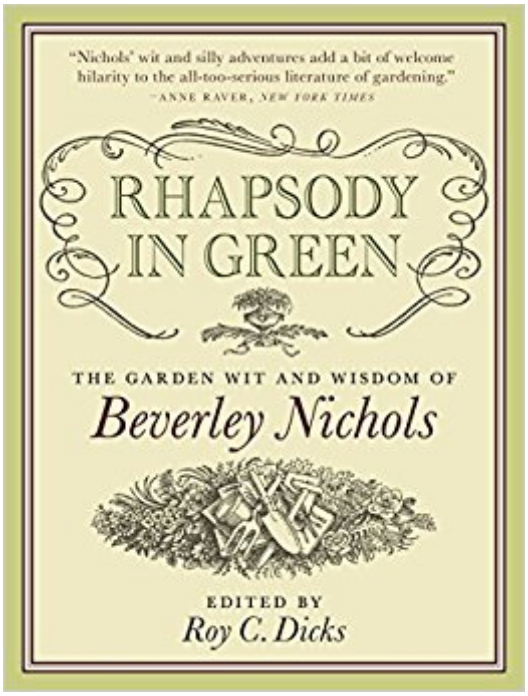
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Synopsis

Beverley Nichols (1898Ã¢â ¬â œ1983) was a prolific author, playwright, composer, and media personality. Though much of his work has been forgotten, his garden writing has stood the test of time. His amusing anecdotes, poetic contemplations, and penetrating observations speak to all gardenersÃ¢â ¬â •from houseplant killers to nursery professionalsÃ¢â ¬â •and capture the joy, heartache, and hilarity of gardening.Rhapsody in Green speaks to the true spirit of Beverley Nichols. Compiled by Roy C. Dicks and drawn from fifteen of his best titles, these carefully selected passages offer a tantalizing taste of Nichols's humor, passion, and poetry. Designed for easy browsing and casual reference, it is organized by subject, including favorite plants, despised plants, and the secrets to successful gardening. Readers will also delight in William McLaren's original line drawings spread throughout the text. A must-have for Nichols fans, gardeners, and plant lovers.

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Roy C. Dicks is a professional librarian, actor, stage director, and music critic (with a particular passion for opera).Ã Â He is a world-class expert on Beverley Nichols who has contributed forewords and indexes to many Nichols reprints. Beverley Nichols (1898Ã¢â ¬â œ1983) was a prolific writer on subjects ranging from religion to politics and travel, in addition to authoring six novels, five detective mysteries, four children's stories, six autobiographies, and six plays. He is perhaps best remembered today for his gardening books. The first of them, Down the Garden Path, centered on his home and garden at Glatton and has been in print almost continuously since 1932. Merry Hall (1951) and its sequels Laughter on the Stairs (1953) and Sunlight on the Lawn (1956) document Nichols' travails in renovating a Georgian mansion and its gardens soon after the war. His final garden was at Sudbrook Cottage, which serves as the setting for Garden Open Today (1963) and Garden Open Tomorrow (1968). The progress of all three gardens was followed avidly by readers of his books and weekly magazine columns.

The book arrived looking practically brand new; I've read a couple of other Beverley Nichols books (going to read more), but this book is a great way to get some quick insight into Nichols' way of writing about his gardening experiences. In fact, some of the bits chosen for this book could be printed up and hung on the wall of a potting shed or greenhouse . . . What a great idea to do a book this way.

love all his books

This is the book that got me started reading Beverley Nichols. It contains some of the best excerpts from his many gardening books. He is delightfully witty and his enthusiasm for gardening is highly contagious! I really enjoyed this book and plan to keep it for many years.

He is/was a marvelous writer, lots of fun and gardening lessons to learn

Pleasant topic. Excellent sentences. A garden of thought.

How can you love not love anything Beverly Nichols has written?

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