



**Guide to Green New Jersey:
nature walks in the garden state**
By Lucy D. Rosenfeld

New Jersey is a state of surprises. Did you know there was a castle in Passaic County? Or that you could walk through a bamboo forest on the Rutgers University campus, dig for fossils in Middletown's Poricy Park, or see wild river otters in Salem County? Despite its proximity to major urban areas and its high population density, the state has dozens of marvelous natural areas and preserved spaces. It boasts something for everyone, from Atlantic seashore to rugged mountains, rolling farmland to winding canals, historic trails to formal gardens, Pine Barrens to fragrant vineyards and orchards. There are outings for everyone— newcomers to the state will find the book indispensable, and long-time New Jerseyans will find it a pleasantly eye-opening guide to wonderful walks right in their own backyards.

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Being There
By Jerzy Kosinski

This book tells the story of Chauncey Gardiner—Chance, an enigmatic but distinguished man who emerges from nowhere to become an heir to the throne of a Wall Street tycoon, a presidential policy adviser, and a media icon. Truly "a man without qualities," Chance's straightforward responses to popular concerns are heralded as visionary. But though everyone is quoting him, no one is sure what he's really saying. And filling in the blanks in his background proves impossible. It is a brilliantly satiric look at the unreality of American media culture that is, if anything, more trenchant now than ever.

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Second Thyme Around
By Katie Fforde

For years, things have run quite smoothly for Perdita and her organic gardening business. So what if her hair needs a complete overhaul, her sweater has more holes than Swiss cheese, and there's no hope of a boyfriend on the horizon? The last thing Perdita wants is a meddlesome man in her life—but she's about to get one, in the form of her completely infuriating ex-husband, Lucas.

Lucas is disagreeable, curt, arrogant, and smolderingly gorgeous. He's also the new chef at Grantly House, Perdita's number-one customer. Worse, Mr. Grantly has the insane idea of starting a television cooking show that will put Lucas and Perdita together as "The Gourmet and the Gardener."

Now, things are heating up in the kitchen--and elsewhere. With the bright lights blazing and old feelings stirring the pot, it could be a recipe for disaster...or absolute delight.

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**Gardens
Gardening
Gardeners**



**April showers bring
May flowers, and
enjoyment throughout
the rest of the year!**

***A book is like a garden carried in
the pocket.***

~ Chinese Proverb

***Anyone who has a library and a
garden wants for nothing.***

~ Cicero

***What a blessing it is to love
books. Everybody must love
something, and I know of no
objects of love that give such
substantial and unailing returns
as books and a garden.***

~ Elizabeth von Arnim

The Lost Garden *By Helen Humphreys*

England in 1941 is the setting for this beautifully crafted and bittersweet coming-of-age story, where maturity means a stoic acceptance of the constant presence of death and the sadness of unfulfilled loves. Gwen Davis gladly leaves London amid the burning wreckage left by the German bombings. She has given up her job at the Royal Horticultural Society to volunteer as a captain in the Women's Land Army in Devon. She will supervise a small group of young women whose task is to raise food for the war effort. Awkward with people and inexperienced with men, Gwen initially finds the nonagricultural aspects of her new job beyond her. Gradually she becomes friends with one of the young women and falls in love with the Canadian officer billeted with his men in the adjoining estate.

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Summer Garden Murder *By Ann Ripley*

A dull neighborhood dinner party heats up when a killer newly released from a mental hospital drops in to say hello. Garden maven Louise Eldridge was instrumental in convicting Peter Hoffman of a brutal murder, but he got off with an insanity plea and is out after only four years. After the party, he confronts Louise in a way that makes her look seriously out of control. When his body is found under the azalea bushes in her yard, the police suspect her despite all the help she's given the Fairfax Sheriff's Department in the past. Louise's downward spiral continues when the body of another neighbor is found buried in her onion patch, sending her back and forth between despairing paralysis and frenetic sleuthing. Her husband Bill and their daughters Martha and Jane come up with plenty of other neighborhood denizens who'd be happy to see both men dead. Late-night prowls lead to more clues and danger for Louise, whose showdown with the murderer ends when an obliging tree saves her from death.

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The Lost Gardens: an English Garden Mystery *By Anthony Eglin*

An overgrown English garden veils an ancient chapel hiding secrets of the past. California winemaker Jamie Gibson has retained Dr. Lawrence Kingston to restore the gardens at Wickersham Priory, an estate she's unexpectedly inherited from Major Ryder, a complete stranger to her. Lawrence hires a crew to attack the rampant growth that years of neglect have imposed on the gardens' original beauty. One of the first discoveries is the chapel, whose well contains some bones and several modern coins. A local historian hearing of the project brings Lawrence some books that trace the history of the family, the gardens and the estate. The house is built on the grounds of an old priory, and there are tales of a secret labyrinth below ground. Lawrence suspects the chapel must have a hidden underground entrance leading to the mansion, but his search yields no results. Jamie, meanwhile, makes it clear that she wants nothing to do with ancient history. But when she's injured in a car crash, the project foreman is murdered, the books are stolen and a stranger turns up looking for missing paintings, Lawrence feels compelled to continue his research into the past. When he finally finds the entrance to a network of underground passages and rooms, the discovery almost costs him and Jamie their lives. A clever plot spiced with gardening information and historical detail.

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Gardens of Covington *By Joan A. Medlicott*

The three 70-ish friends, who live together in a North Carolina farmhouse, are busy growing and learning through life's experiences. Stalwart Hannah, who is still involved in her plant nursery business, rallies the town's forces to combat a ruthless developer and save the area's natural beauty. Sweet, soft Grace and beau Bob open a tearoom together. And dreamy Amelia falls hard for a scoundrel who is sure to hurt her. Two weddings figure prominently Russell remarries after much family conflict, and an elderly friend (and virgin bride) marries an old codger. The story ends happily with disputed land being given as a gift (and saved from development) for transformation into the Gardens of Covington.

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Garden Spells *By Sarah Addison Allen*

This captivating concoction, which has strong fairytale elements, is set in a small town in western North Carolina. The Waverley women have always had unusual talents, and newly reconciled half sisters Claire (a caterer) and Sydney (a hairdresser) are no exception. Sydney's five-year-old daughter, Bay, has the gift of knowing where things belong. Their elder cousin, Evanelle, has the gift of anticipation, compelled blindly to give items whose value is later revealed. The Waverleys also have an old tree whose apples are so special that a locked fence encloses their garden. To reveal much more about this charming story of love, fate, and family would be to dilute its magic.

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