

If youd like some garden inspiration, there are lots of gardening quotes and sayings to give you a boost. Ive rounded up my favourite garden quotes and inspire you. We all know how gardening can boost wellbeing, but there are also some funny ones to put a smile on your face. As well as being inspiring, these gardening quotes make great captions for when youre sharing your own garden pictures on social media (my post on nature hashtags will also help you here). Make sure you share them with your green-fingered friends too!Read on for lots of gems about gardening, plants, flowers, beautiful gardens, and why we love gardening so much. The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. Gertrude JekyllI always see gardening as escape, as peace really. If you are angry or troubled, nothing provides the same solace as nurturing the soil. Monty DonEverything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace. May SartonThe glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. Alfred AustinGardens are not made by singing Oh, how beautiful, and sitting in the shade. Rudyard KiplingIve always felt that having a garden is like having a good and loyal friend. C Z GuestNo occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden. Thomas JeffersonWe learn from our gardens to deal with the most urgent question of the time: How much is enough? Wendell BerryIf youve never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden. Robert BraultA garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches entire trust. Gertrude JekyllGardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized. Allan ArmitageYou can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming. Pablo NerudaGarden as though you will live forever. William KentTo plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. Audrey HepburnThe more help a person has in the garden, the less it belongs to him. W H DaviesGardening is the only unquestionably useful job. George Bernard ShawWhat is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered. Ralph Waldo EmersonIn the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt. Margaret AtwoodWeeds are flowers too, once you get to know them. A A MilneThere is nothing pleasanter than spading when the ground is soft and damp. John SteinbeckOne touch of nature makes the whole world kin. William ShakespeareAll gardening is landscape painting. William KentThe biggest obstacle to good gardening is the desire to know the answers and not the questions. Monty DonIn nature, nothing is perfect. Alice WalkerMy garden is my most beautiful masterpiece. Claude MonetGardening is learning, learning. Helen MirrenWhen the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden. Minnie AumonierShow me your garden and I shall tell you what you are. Alfred AustinThe soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. Thomas MooreThe garden and I shall tell you what you are. PollanUse plants to bring life. Douglas WilsonIf you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. Marcus Tullius CiceroI like gardening its a place where I find myself when I want to lose myself. Alice SeboldLook deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. Albert EinsteinLife begins the day you start a garden. Chinese proverbA society grows great when old men plants happiness. Chinese proverbHe who plants a garden plants happiness is to hold flowers in both hands. Japanese proverbThe gardener who loves roses is slave to a thousand thorns. Turkish proverbApril showers bring May flowers. English proverbTo an optimist every flower is a weed. Finnish proverbAll the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today. Indian proverbAll gardeners know better than other gardeners. Chinese proverbThe flower that smells the sweetest is shy and lowly. William WordsworthFlowers always flowers for those who want to see them. Henri MatisseFlowers are restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts. Sigmund FreudWhere flowers bloom, so does hope. Lady Bird JohnsonI dont like formal gardens. I like wild nature. Its just the wilderness instinct in me, I guess. Walt DisneyBut for ones health as you say, it is very necessary to work in the garden and see the flowers growing. Vincent van GoghTo forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves. Mahatma GandhiEvery flower is a soul blossoming in nature. Gerard de NervalFlowers are the music of the ground. From earths lips spoken without sound. Edwin CurranDeep in their roots, all flowers keep the light. Theodore RoethkeA flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms. Zen ShinIt will never rain roses: when we want to have more roses we must plant more trees. George EliotEarth laughs in flowers. Ralph Waldo EmersonI want it said of me by those who knew me best, that Ialways plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow. Abraham LincolnBy plucking her petals, you do not gather the beauty of the flower. Rabindranath TagoreA flower blossoms for its own joy. Oscar WildeThis short video has some beautiful flower quotes too:Plant and your spouse plants with you; weed and you weed alone. Jean-Jacques RousseauMy neighbour asked if he could use my lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so long as he didnt take it out of my garden. Eric MorecambeGardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes. UnknownA weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. Doug LarsonThere are no gardening mistakes, only experiments. Janet Kilburn PhillipsHousework is for people who dont know how to garden unknownThe philosopher who said that work well done never needs doing over never weeded a garden. Ray D EversonGardening is easy. Stick it in the ground the right way up and most plants will grow perfectly well. Monty DonA weed is a plant that is not only in the wrong place but intends to stay. Sara SteinOld gardeners never die, they just go to seed. unknownGardening requires lots of water most of it in the form of perspiration. Lou EricksonIve also got a Pinterest board full of inspiring garden quotes about sunflowers, flower quotes, Earth Day quotes, tree quotes, spring quotes, and my Halloween quotes and winter quotes and winter quotes and your green thumb. If youve got a favourite garden quote that isnt on my list Id love to hear it in the comments :) For some more light-hearted fun with a gardening theme, check out these posts: Garden jokes & tree punsBee jokes & tree punsBee jokes & bee punsPuns about birds and bird jokesPlant puns and plant jokesFruit jokes and punsPumpkin jokes & pumpkin punsIf youd like some more gardening inspiration, the following features might be of interest: Garden jobs by monthWhat to plant gardening calendarBirth flowers by month55 easy grow your own tips, ideas and resources for beginnersIf youre keen on getting the kids involved in the garden, you might also like my book *A Year of Nature Craft and Play. Its filled with fun gardening projects, crafts, games, art and science activities that inspire kids to get creative with nature and explore the amazing natural world. There are 52 budget-friendly nature play ideas, one for every week of the year, all with easy-to-follow instructions and colourful photos. You could check out my blog section on gardening with children too, plus my other book, *A Year of Nature Walks and Games. If youve enjoyed this post and found it useful, here to buy me a virtual coffee. Click here to buy me a virtual coffee. Click here to buy me a virtual coffee. media: Instagram | Facebook | Twitter Share this post with your friends via the buttons below. Pin for later Skip to contentGardening isnt just a hobby, its a way of life. Whether you have a small terrace or a spacious backyard, gardening isnt just a hobby, its a way of life. effects on our physical, mental, and emotional well-being as it nurtures our souls with the serenity and calmness of nature. In a way, gardening is incredibly humbling. Just looking at green plants emerge from nothing makes us feel grounded, wiser, and more grateful for life. So, whether youre a long-time gardener or aspiring to be one, read these 64 quotes about gardening that include garden therapy, life lessons, and funny sayings to uncover some refreshingly unique perspectives to inspire your gardening ventures. To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. Audrey HepburnBrief AnalysisWhat does it mean to believe in tomorrow? Is it having faith in the unknown, just hoping for a better future? Or is it preparing for tomorrow by taking action now?Perhaps it is both. A garden is much more than a collection of plants. It is a living expression of our vision and passion. It is the manifestation of dreams. And just like planting a garden requires patience, care, and nurturing the seeds with the promise of a prosperous future, we should be confident that our efforts in life will pay off in the long run, even if we dont see results right away. Essentially, planting a garden is an act of faith in itself. So, lets acknowledge that the challenges and opportunities each day brings are part of our growth and a brighter tomorrow awaits us. My garden is an act of faith in itself. garden and a library, you have everything you need. Marcus Tullius CiceroThere are no gardening mistakes, only experiments. Janet Kilburn PhillipsWhen gardeners themselves. Ken DruseBrief AnalysisIn addition to being a joyful activity, gardening is also a journey of self-discovery. Its an experience that enriches the gardeners mind, body, and soul. Through gardening allows us to express our own sense
of creativity, originality, and style, fueled by our passions. Every moment of calm and closeness to nature is truly humbling that enriches our lives. All in all, gardening is a way of life, not just a hobby. It is a precious gift that we give to ourselves and to the world. Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas. Elizabeth MurrayThe more help a person has in the garden, the less it belongs to him. W H Davies Gardening is something you learn by doing and by making mistakes. Like cooking, gardening is a constant process of experimentation, repeating the successes and throwing out the failures. Carol Stocker More grows in the garden result is a living ecosystem. It is a place where nature and nurture interact, where mystery and magic unfold. When we sow a seed in, we also create a habitat for other living things. Birds, bees, butterflies, worms, and whatnot, all visit our garden by a seed in, we also create a habitat for other living things. the cycle of life and death, growth and decay, joy and sorrow, and everything in between. Every action we take inevitably carries consequences that we must deal with. Like the diversity within our garden, our life is a work of art in and of itself. In short, were all gardeners in one way or another. And like everything we do in life, when we plant a seed, we dont just grow a plant, we grow a world of possibilities that sometimes goes beyond our own understanding. Gardening requires lots of water most of it in the form of perspiration. Louise EricksonGarden as though you will live forever. William KentA garden must combine the poetic and the mysterious with a feeling of serenity and joy. Luis BarraganIve always felt that having a good and loyal friend.C Z GuestBrief AnalysisA garden is a friend that is always there for you. It greets you with open arms every time you visit. It listens to your troubles and soothes your soul with its calmness and serenity. Think about it A loyal friend is someone who supports you through good and bad. A garden does the same. In fact, it rewards you for your efforts and care, surprises you with its growth, and inspires you to be better every day. A garden is a friend that enriches your life. It adds color and flavor to your days. It inspires you to remain curious and adventurous. As a result, it creates wonderful memories for you and your loved ones. In short, a garden is a companion that makes you wiser every day. And more importantly, it stays with you as long as you do. So, go ahead, connect with your garden emotionally, and watch it transform you. I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.Abraham LincolnMy passion for gardening may strike some as selfish, or merely an act of resignation in the face of overwhelming problems that beset the world. It is neither. I have found that each garden is just what Voltaire proposed in Candide: a microcosm of a just and beautiful society. And rew WeilThe greatest service which can be rendered any country is to add a useful plant to its culture. Thomas JeffersonI have found, through years of practice, that people garden in order to make something grow; to interact with nature; to share, to find sanctuary, to heal, to honor the earth, to leave a mark. Through gardening, we feel whole as we make our personal work of art upon our land.Julie Moir MesservyBrief AnalysisFundamentally, gardening is an act of creation. It is a way to nurture and cultivate life. With care and dedication, we watch seeds blossom into vibrant colors and flourishing plants. It represents our longing to witness the power of nature at work. As we dig into the soil, we become more and more connected to it. Gardening becomes an interplay between our thoughts and nature, bringing us closer to nature. As we go about our daily lives, gardens provide a place of comfort and relief. Anyone who has planted and nurtured a seed knows that gardens have the power to heal, providing a balm for our exhausted souls. All in all, each garden reflects the distinct vision of its gardener. It is a place where our imaginations can flourish which enables us to contribute to our beautiful world. If Im ever reborn, I want to be a gardener theres too much to do for one lifetime!Karl FoersterEvery flower is a soul blossoming in nature. Gerard De NervalGardening is not a rational act. Margaret AtwoodWhy try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden. Robert BraultBrief AnalysisA miracles are something we often seek in the world, but rarely find. What we often forget is that a garden creates miracles every day. It transforms seeds into plants, soil into food, and water into life. Its something we cant quite understand but its still fascinating. Thats why gardening with your children is more than just a fun activity. It helps them learn about the wonders of creation, the joy of learning, and the value of caring. When children witness the delicate balance within natures ecosystem, they gain a deeper understanding of life, subconsciously right there in nature. So, invite your children to be co-creators of the miracle of life. I grow plants for many reasons to please my soul. To challenge the elements, or to challenge the miracle of life. I grow plants for many reasons to please my soul. To challenge the miracle of life. I grow plants for many reasons to please my soul. HobsonIt is not hard to start a small garden, all you need is a sapling, a planting pot, a small bag of soil, and regular watering. There you go, you helped cooling the earth down by one plant. Noora Ahmed AlsuwaidiThe glory of gardening Hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. UnknownOne of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides.W.E. JohnsBrief AnalysisGardening is so delightful that blissful anticipate the first signs of life breaking through the soil a tiny sprout emerging from the ground. As we wait patiently, our garden becomes a source of inspiration and comfort. We envision the vivid colors that will grace the flower beds and the rustling of leaves a childlike wonder within us. Eventually, this anticipation is not just sparked by natures growth, but also by seeing our own dreams and hopes flourish. So, take a moment and get yourself immersed in the wonderful possibilities that lie within your garden. The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway. Michael PollanIn nature, nothing is perfectand everything is perfect. Alice WalkerIt was such a pleasure to sink ones hands into the warm earth, to feel at ones fingertips the possibilities of the new season.Kate MortonThe greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses.Hanna RionBrief AnalysisImagine stepping into a blooming garden. As you take a deep breath, the sweet scent of flowers instantly awakens your sense of smell. Slowly, your fingers run along the silky petals of a rose, feeling its softness, stimulating your sense of touch. As you look around, you see an explosion of vivid hues flashing before you, captivating your sense of hearing. And finally, as you wander through the garden, you pluck a delicious strawberry and taste its rich flavor, satisfying your sense of taste. This summarizes Hanna Rions profound quote. We often find ourselves overwhelmed by the demands of technology in our fast-paced modern lives. But as soon as we enter a garden, it allows us to slow down and enjoy our surroundings on a deeper level. In essence, the garden nurtures both our bodies and our souls. Through its rich colors, captivating aromas, soothing sounds, tempting flavors, and sensory wonders, the garden restores our five senses and renews our appreciation for life.Gardening is how I relax. Its another form of creating and playing with colors.Oscar de la RentaI do some of my best thinking while pulling weeds.Martha SmithWhen you increase the number of gardens, you increase the number of heavens too!Mehmet Murat IldanThe home gardener is part scientist, part philosopher, part scientist, part artist, part observing and analyzing the results. He delves deep into botany, discovering the optimal growing conditions for different plants and understanding their needs. Secondly, the home gardener embraces their artistic side. He creates living masterpieces using patterns, colors, and styles in their garden. Every plant, flower, and arrangement is a stroke of their artistic brush, just like a painter paints a picture. Moreover, a home gardener is a philosopher as well. Within natures calming beauty, he contemplates the deeper meaning of life. He gains wisdom through its silent teachings. And finally, the home gardener wears the hat of a plowman. He actively shapes the surroundings of their garden. With his hands in the earth, he brings life and abundance to the plants under his care. This way, gardening nurtures not only plants but also the souls of those who take part in it. Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul. Luther BurbankWhen the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, nurturing us. Jenny UglowBrief AnalysisAs we garden, we learn to tune into natures intricate rhythms. We adjust our efforts according to the seasons, choosing the right time to sow seeds, prune, and harvest. Through this process, we gain a better understanding of our world. Think about it As we tend to our plants, we develop patience, as the growth of a beautiful garden cannot be rushed. We learn resilience, as we face challenges. We learn humility, accepting that we cannot fully control or dictate nature despite our efforts. In other words, our gardens offer us meaningful experiences that shape us, nurture our spirits, and teach us valuable life lessons. So, the next time you tend to your garden, remember that besides the plants youre nurturing; the
garden is also nurturing you in ways both visible and hidden. There is always music amongst the trees in the garden. But our hearts must be very quiet to hear it. Minnie AumonierI am more myself in the garden. to feel grounded.UnknownHe who plants a garden plants happiness.UnknownBrief AnalysisWhen you create and nurture a garden, youre strengthening your connection to the natural world. This experience can inspire wonder as you watch the miracle of life unfolding before your eyes. But the real happiness of gardening lies in its rewards. As you begin to reap the fruits of your labor, quite literally, the joy is unparalleled because it is your own creation. In short, when we invest ourselves in cultivating a garden, we nurture our own happiness. And I believe its the best part of gardening. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. Alfred AustinYou can bury a lot of troubles by digging into the dirt. UnknownGardening: The fine art of soul to soil. Jan Bills Theres something satisfying about getting your hands in the soil. E.A. BucchianeriBrief AnalysisBy immersing our hands in the soil, we form a harmonious connection with the earth itself. As a result, we are reminded of our deepest hopes and transformation. The plants that we grow become living manifestations of our deepest hopes and present, and reconnect with the natural world. The solitude of gardening becomes a therapeutic activity for stress relief. On top of this, scientific studies have shown that gardening can improve mood, and boost our mental health. So, next time you crave contentment, ge and feel the healing effects for yourself. I always see gardening as escape, as peace really. If you are angry or troubled, nothing provides the same solace as nurturing that sets us back into the slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slows us down and forces patience. May be a set and the set SartonI like gardening its a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself. Alice SeboldGardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized. Allan ArmitageBrief AnalysisUnlike other pursuits, gardening does not give in to the ravages of time, for it holds endless possibilities and infinite dreams. It nurtures a sense of constant anticipation, as every seed sown and bud nurtured promises a future filled with beauty. A gardeners journey through each changing season is filled with new delights. As we tend to our green companions, we experience how life takes shape before our eyes the interplay of the sun and soil, water and roots, growth and decay.Gardening also encourages us to envision the beauty we wish to create. In this creative playground, we design our own little refuge, creating the landscape exactly as we wish. Its an indication of wonderful optimism. In short, gardening makes time irrelevant to our everlasting quest for growth and fulfillment.Gardening adds years to your life, and life to your years. UnknownWatching grow is good for morale. It helps us believe in life. Myron KaufmannAdvice from a gardenCultivate lasting friendships, sow seeds of kindness. Listen to the sage advice. Dont let the little things bug you. Be outstanding in your field. Take thyme for yourself. No vining! UnknownA garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. Gertrude JekyllBrief AnalysisFirst and foremost, a garden gently whispers to us that good things come to those who wait. As we nurture tiny seeds, we learn patience and accept that dreams take time to manifest. And as we observe the intricate connection between sun and rain and protect our plants against pests, it becomes easier for us to comprehend the subtleties shaping our surroundings. Our garden demands our diligent efforts digging, weeding, watering, and tending to its every need. plots into flourishing oases. And above all, a garden teaches the value of trust. We place our faith in the interconnected web of life to perform its magic. In return, nature provides us with a rich harvest and breathtaking beauty. Simply put, our garden teaches the value of trust. restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts. Sigmund FreudIf youve never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden. Robert BraultGardening showed me the laws of nature in practice and taught that What you sow you will reap. After fall there will always be a new awakening and growth in spring.Life is abundant!Garden LadyMoney cant buy happiness.Except at the garden centera magical world full of plants, flowers, and all things green.When we invest in gardening, were investing in a hobby that allows us to experience pure bliss that money cannot buy directly (though indirectly). So, sometimes, just sometimes, money can indeed buy happinessat least when it comes to creating your own home garden. Gardening is cheaper than therapy, and you get tomatoes. UnknownAll gardeners know better than other gardeners. Chinese ProverbWhen the going gets tough, the tough get growing. Empress of DirtYou know youre a gardener when youre happy to devote three months of your life growing tomatoes. But then you pause and think, Wait a minute, I can grow these myself! And then the madness begins. You roll up your sleeves, dig up some soil, nurture and protect these plants from pests for months, and lovingly sing them a little song (okay, maybe not the last part). Finally, after an eternity, you harvest your homegrown tomatoes. You pull out your calculator, and after accounting for seeds, soil, water, and all the time you spent tending to those plants, you realize that youve saved a whopping\$1.27. Was it all worth it? you might ask.But as a true gardener, you know it was never about the satisfaction of growing something yourself, of witnessing natures magic unfold right in your backyard. This is a labor of love, and sometimes, saving \$1.27 is just a cherry (or should I say tomato?) on top of everything else. Housework is for people who dont know how to garden party. Lettuce turnip the beet! Anonymous Tags# gardening# healing# heali "gardens" Showing 1-30 of 162 The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible: The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't have a soul. Sir Thomas More The first supermarket supposedly appeared on the American landscape in 1946. That is not very long ago. Until then, where was all the food? Dear folks, the food Farmer's Advice for Happier Hens, Healthier People, and a Better World Sometimes we have to soak ourselves in the tears and fears of the past to water our future gardens. Suzy Kassem, Rise Up and Salute the Sun: The Writings of Suzy Kassem Ben Adaephon Delat," Pearl said plaintively, "see the last who comes. You send me to my death." "I know," Quick Ben whispered. "Flee, then. I will hold them enough to ensure your escape no more." Quick Ben sank down past the roof. Before he passed from sight Pearl spoke again. "Ben Adaephon Delat, do you pity me?" "Yes" he replied softly, then pivoted and dropped down into darkness. Steven Erikson, Gardens of the Moon There was a filmy veil of soft dull mist obscuring, but not hiding, all objects, giving them a lilac hue, for the sun had not yet fully set; a robin was singing ... The leaves were more gorgeous than ever; the first touch of frost would lay them all low to the ground. Already one or two kept constantly floating down, amber and golden in the low slanting sun-rays. Elizabeth Gaskell, North and South When admiring other people's gardens, don't forget to tend to your own flowers. Sanober Khan A poet is a verb that blossoms light in gardens of dawn, or sometimes midnight. Aberjhani I haven't much time to be fond of anything ... but when I have a moment's fondness to bestow, most times ... the roses get it. I began my life among them in my father's nursery garden, and I shall end my life among them, if I can. Yes. One of these days (please God) I shall retire from catching thieves, and try my hand at growing roses. Wilkie Collins, The Moonstone What a happy woman I am living in a garden, with books, babies, birds, and flowers, and plenty of leisure to enjoy them! Yet my town acquaintances look upon it as imprisonment, and I don't know what besides, and would rend the air with their shrieks if condemned to such a life. Sometimes I feel as if I were blest above all my fellows in being able to find my happiness so easily. I believe I should always be good if the sun always shone, and could enjoy myself very well in Siberia on a fine day. And what can life in town offer in the way of pleasure to equal the delight of any one of the calm evenings I have had this month sitting alone at the foot of the verandah steps, with the perfume of young larches all about, and the beautiful silence made only more profound in its peace by the croaking of distant frogs and hooting of owls? Elizabeth von Arnim, Elizabeth and Her German Garden path, deep and full of moss and snakes, running everywhere, impenetrable. F.T. McKinstry, Crowharrow There is a bench in the back of my garden shaded by Virginia creeper, climbing roses, and a white pine where I sit early in the morning and watch the action. Light blue bells of a dwarf campanula drift over the rock garden just before my eyes. Behind it, a three-foot stand of aconite is flowering now, each dark blue cowl-like corolla bowed for worship or intrigue: thus its common name, monkshood. Next to the aconite, black madonna lilies with their seductive Easter scent are just coming into bloom. At the back of the garden, a hollow log, used in its glory days for a base to split kindling, now spills white cascade petunias and lobelia. I can't get enough of watching the bees and trying to imagine how they
experience the abundance of, say, a blue campanula blosssom, the dizzy light pulsing, every fiber of being immersed in the flower. ...Last night, after a day in the garden, I asked Robin to explain (again) photosynthesis to me. I can't take in this business of eating light_and turning it into stem and thorn and flower...I would not call this meditation, sitting in the back garden. Maybe I would call it eating light. Mystical traditions recognize two kinds of practice: _apophatic mysticism , less well defined an openhearted surrender to the beauty of creation. Maybe Francis of Assissi was, on the whole, a kataphatic mystic, as was Thrse of Lisieux in her exuberant momemnts: but the fact is, kataphatic mysticism has low status in religious circles. Francis and Thrse were made, really made, any mother superior will let you know, in the dark nights of their lives: no more of this throwing off your clothes and singing songs and babbling about the shelter of God's arms. When I was twelve and had my first menstrual period, my grandmother took me aside and said, 'Now your childhood is over. You will never really be happy again.' That is pretty much how some spiritual directors treat the transition from kataphatic to apophatic mysticism. But, I'm sorry, I'm going to sit here every day the sun shines and eat this light. Hung in the bell of desire. Mary Rose O'Reilley, The Barn at the End of the World: The Apprenticeship of a Quaker, Buddhist Shepherd A garden path,' write the landscape architects Charles W. Moore, William J. Mitchell, and William Turnbull, 'can become the thread of a plot, connecting moments and incidents into a narrative structure might be a simple chain of events with a beginning, middle, and end. It might be embellished with diversions, digressions, and picaresque twists, be accompanied by parallel ways (subplots), or deceptively fork into blind alleys like the alternative scenerios explored in a detective novel. Rebecca Solnit, Wanderlust: A History of Walking There's something satisfying about getting your hands in the soil. E.A. Bucchianeri, Vocation of a Gadfly And there were so many places to go. Thickets of bramble. Fallen trees. Ferns, and violets, and gorse, paths all lined with soft green moss. And in the very heart of the wood, there was a clearing, with a circle of stones, and an old well in the middle, next to a big dead oak tree, and everything- fallen branches, standing stones, even the fruit, and the scent like all of summer. It wasn't like the rest of the farm. Narcisse's farm is very neat, with everything set out in its place. A little field for sunflowers: one for cabbages; one for squash; one for squash; one for sention and plums to the other. And in the polytunnels, there were daffodils, tulips, freesias; and in season lettuce, tomatoes, beans. All neatly planted, in rows, with nets to keep the birds from stealing them. But here there were no nets, or polytunnels, or windmills to frighten away the birds. Just that clearing of strawberries, and the cover the hole, which was very deep, and not quite straight, and filled with ferns and that swampy smell. And if you put your eye to the grate, you could see a roundel of sky reflected in the water, and little pink flowers growing out from under the ground, as if something was hiding there and breathing, very quietly. Joanne Harris, The Strawberry Thief Nearly all human cultures plant gardens, and the garden itself has ancient religious connections. For a long time, I've been interested in pre-Christian European beliefs, and the garden itself has ancient religious connections. For a long time, I've been interested in pre-Christian European beliefs, and the garden itself has ancient religious connections. me a fascinating book on the archaeology of Old Europe, and in it I discovered ancient artifacts that showed that the Old European cultures once revered snakes, just as we Pueblo Indian people still do. So I decided to take all these elements - orchids, gladiolus, ancient gardens, Victorian gardens, Native American gardens, Old European figures of Snake-bird Goddesses - and write a novel about two young sisters at the turn of the century. Leslie Marmon Silko, Gardens in the Dunes At the lawn's edge, a grand set of graystone stairs led into Lady Ashburys rose garden. Pink blooms hugged the trellises, alive with the warm drone of diligent bees hovering about their yellow hearts. I passed beneath the arbor, unlatched the kissing gate and started down the Long Walk: a stretch of gray cobblestones set amongst a carpet of white alyssum. Halfway along, tall hornbeam hedges gave way to the miniature yew that bordered the Egeskov Garden. I blinked as a couple of topiaries came to life, then smiled at myself and the pair of indignant ducks that had wandered up from the lake and now stood regarding me with shiny black eyes. At the end of the Egeskov Garden was the second kissing gate, the forgotten sister), victim of the wiry jasmine tendrils. On the other side lay the Icarus fountain, and beyond, at the lakes edge, the boathouse. Kate Morton, The House at Riverton Gardens don't stand still, they are always in flux. Maggie O'Farrell, Hamnet She gazed across the veranda to a formal garden beyond. An area of green lawn was set up with chairs and tables, while behind the fountain, parterre hedges to it. Behind the fountain, parterre hedges to it. were clipped to perfection. People milled about or stood in groups chatting. Ellen Read, Murder at Monterey Requiem For A Beel do not know the hourThat brought you here to gardens rest, your noble life expiredWere battles done both lost and won, for distant winged power?Unknown to me your sovereign be, the queen of all my flowers M P Ceran When we create a garden, no matter how small or where it is in the world. Michael Bassey Johnson, These Words Burn Like Fire Nature always cares. She's not scarce. She's always there. Michael Bassey Johnson, These Words Burn Like Fire previous 1 2 3 4 5 6 next If youd like some garden inspiration, there are lots of gardening sayings to lift your spirits and inspire you. We all know how gardening can boost wellbeing, but there are also some funny ones to put a smile on your face. As well as being inspiring, these gardening quotes make great captions for when youre sharing your own garden pictures on social media (my post on nature hashtags will also help you here). 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