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Village In A Valley (Beverley Nichols's Allways Trilogy)



Synopsis

This reprint of the third book in Nichols's *Allways* trilogy contains a new foreword by Bryan Connon, Beverley Nichols's biographer. Set in the English countryside, the hilarious memoir is as much about the author's love for plants as it is about the village in which he lived. The depictions of flowers and ornamentals - "A single one of those gloxinias would be an event in *Allways* ... I should give a party for it" - are both inspiring and unforgettable. This is the voice of one whose chief endowment is an appreciation for plants and the landscape, including a keen understanding of the importance gardens play in an increasingly modern world.

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Customer Reviews

“While the ostensible topics are houses and people, it is Nichols's love of gardening, and the villagers who either encourage him or thwart him in its pursuit, that remains the lively theme through all the books. The *Seattle Times* “At first glance, the book might appear sweet and a little cute, but don't be fooled. Nichols knows how to throw out a few zingers and reveal his true feelings with a good dose of sarcasm. Nichols is as observant as Jane Austen, as witty as Oscar Wilde, and as sentimental as James Herriott. He also happens to be as funny, timely, and un-P.C. as Jon Stewart. Home and Garden

The third book in the Allways trilogy, *A Village in a Valley* is a delightful exploration of the village of Glatton---for which Allways is a pseudonym---and the people who lived and gardened there. Set in the English countryside, this hilarious memoir is as much about the author's love for plants, as it is about the village in which he lived.

Love anything by Beverly Nichols....

Nichol's writing is humorous and sharp. His characters are well developed and hilarious. I own about 7 of his books and plan to buy more. These are the type of books you can read over and over again. Even if you are not a gardener I think you would enjoy the humor. Highly recommended.

This could rate 3 1/2 stars but there is no way to so designate. Having just read the MERRY HALL trilogy (which is fabulous) this was a bit of a disappointment. Well written but not as engaging or humorous and sometimes he's just writing to build up the word count -- or so it seems. The characterizations, the narrative and dialogue are good and so are the descriptions but his writing improved and deepened by MERRY HALL.

Reading Beverly Nichols calm my nerves and gives me a good laugh.

I am a keen gardener and had read all this books many years ago. So it was a nostalgic journey and lots of wonderful gardenning thoughts

After 11 years living in zone 5, we retired back to zone 8 in 1989, and started to plant a lot of camellias. We became Camellia Judges and Master Gardeners. In 1996 we were asked to put this house and garden on tour. We live on a working farm of 168 acres. Again we worked very hard to get everything in shape, including working our son and daughter-in-law very hard. All our visitors were very kind and we really could take credit for the plantings. this time. Every quarter I write an essay for our Gulf Coast Camellian magazine and have mentioned several garden writers I admire. Since all but one have died, I am asked how to acquire the books and always send them to . It is so easy to order and I don't have to get dressed and go to a book shop that won't have what I want, anyway. We live ten miles from a very small and lovely town but the nearest bookstores of any size are an hour's drive away so I depend on .

Beverley Nichols is a new find for me, and I am so happy that I found him. He is a wonderful, funny writer. I have so far read 2 of his books, and I have loved them both. I just started a third!

I like to read his opinions about plants and what he did with his yard.

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