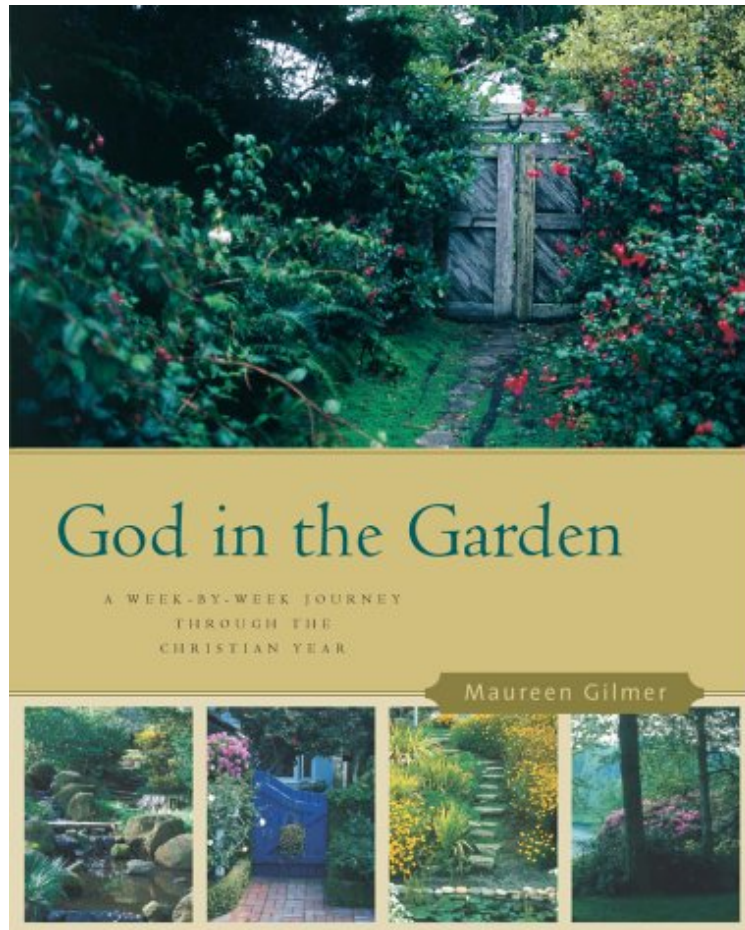


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Since God created Adam and Eve, people have cultivated the earth for both sustenance and recreation. In this book, noted author and nationally-respected gardening expert Maureen Gilmer blends practical, time-tested gardening wisdom with spiritual insight and invites readers to discover the joy and peace found in gardening. Organized in a

week-by-week format corresponding to the Christian calendar year, this beautiful book includes plant features, meditations, relevant Scripture passages, timely gardening information, and simple prayers. Also included are inspirational gardening quotes, bits of nature folklore, features on religious festivals and holidays, and biographical profiles of renowned religious botanists. A complete resource guide provides ordering information for hard-to-find plants and supplies and information on gardening catalogs and websites.

From Publishers Weekly Liturgically minded Christians who love to putter in the soil may enjoy *God in the Garden: A Week-by-Week Journey Through the Christian Year*, which intriguingly enough is arranged according to the liturgical calendar as well as the seasonal one. Author Maureen Gilmer is particularly sensitive to the spiritual import of various plants (lily of the valley symbolizes the Virgin Mary's purity, while wormwood is believed to be the gall offered to Christ just before his death on the cross). She teases out some of the religious history of plants, such as the connection between St. John the Baptist and the plant that bears his name St. John's wort. The book is well written and attractively designed. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.