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Books of magic plants and ants

Glorious Gardens is a beautiful study of all types of garden styles — the walled garden, secret garden, rose garden, herb garden, fruit garden and social garden, among many others.

Whether you dream of transforming the whole of your garden or merely adding new life to an overgrown flower bed, you'll find in this book ideas and inspiration, plant suggestions and practical tips.

Each colour photograph is described by gardening expert Francesca Greenoak.

Perennially yours

If your small corner of paradise involves perennials, you'll want to look at two books available at the Milton Public Library — *All About Perennials* by A. Cort Sinnes and *Perennials — How to Select, Grow and Enjoy* by Pamela Harper and Frederick McGourty.

They provide you with a guide to hundreds of perennials, with photographs to help you select plants by foliage, form and colour. You'll learn how to plan a perennial bed or border and how to use perennials in the landscape.

Today's medical science is reaffirming much of the old herbal lore and extending the horizons of botanical medicine. *Magic and Medicine of Plants*, a comprehensive, 464-page manual, traces man's early dependence on plants for food, shelter, weapons, clothing and healing.

Through the centuries, plants have been invested with magical power. This book will teach you on how to find healing herbs in the wild, how to make your own herbarium and how to grow and use herbs.

It includes a collection of 300 of the most popular medicinal plants used in North American folk medicine and it also provides a list of poisonous plants and a small selection of the most important and most widely used plants found outside of North America.

For young readers

Colour photographs and a simple text explain *Flowers — Fruits — Seeds* to younger readers.

Flowers can grow on trees, house and garden plants, shrubs, grasses and weeds and they come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Some smell better than others.

According to this book, the only purpose for flowers is to produce fruits that contain seeds. A description of varied fruits and seeds is included.

If You Were an Ant by S.J. Calder is part of a series of nature books. (The library also has *If You Were A Fish* and *If You Were a Bird*).

We follow the tiny creature into its nest. It helps to groom and feed the queen, the largest ant. We take a look at the growth stages of the ant and its body parts.

Ants' strength

It has been a long time since I studied ants and it was interesting to be reminded that they smell, touch, taste and hear through their antennae.

We all know how strong these insects are. They can carry loads 10 to 50 times heavier than themselves. At the end of the book, instructions are provided for making an ant farm.

In the children's department at the library, you'll also come across the *Life Cycle* series of 11 books, one of which is *The Life Cycle of a Rabbit* by John Williams.

It covers every aspect of a rabbit's life in easy-to-understand language with full-page, colour illustrations. Did you know that the mother rabbit uses its own fur to build a nest for its babies?

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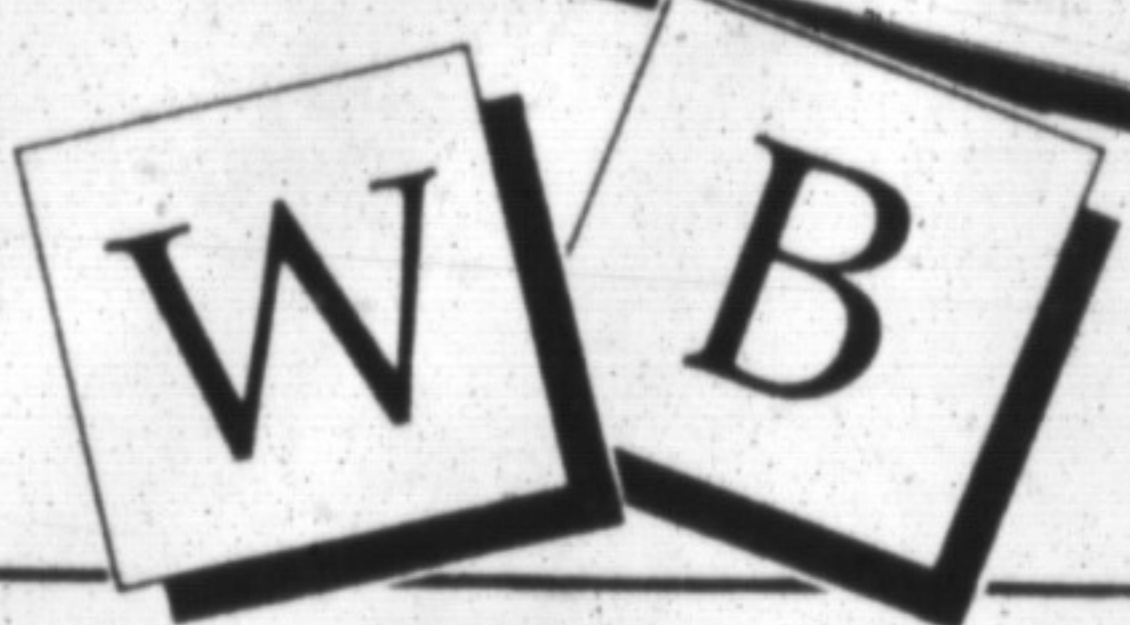


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