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**Description:**

**From** Kunitz, who will turn 100 years old in July, has twice been named Poet Laureate of the U.S. He is not only a distinguished and luminous lyric poet but also an ardent gardener. As he reflects on his callings in this lovely mix of prose, poetry, conversation, and photographs, he illuminates the

many ways each practice nurtures the other. Kunitz traces his rapport with nature to his boyhood, when he found refuge from family tragedy in woods and fields. In describing his seaside Provincetown garden, he contemplates the garden as "the cosmos in miniature" and a "compressed parable of the human experience." He observes that both gardening and writing poetry depend on the "wild permissiveness of the inner life." In the aftermath of a serious illness and an amazing recovery, Kunitz talks radiantly about death and art, and how an artist's work expresses "gratitude for the gift of life." In all, this is a graceful and moving glimpse into a rare and giving artist's refined poetics, garden aesthetics, and spirituality. *Donna Seaman*

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**Review "A miracle." (Galway Kinnell)**

"No one who has ever gardened passionately will be a stranger to the sentiments Kunitz expresses about this act of domestic creation, but very few of us will ever come close to writing about it with his grace and clarity. This is indeed a book to cherish." (**Kate Tyndall - Raleigh News & Observer**)

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