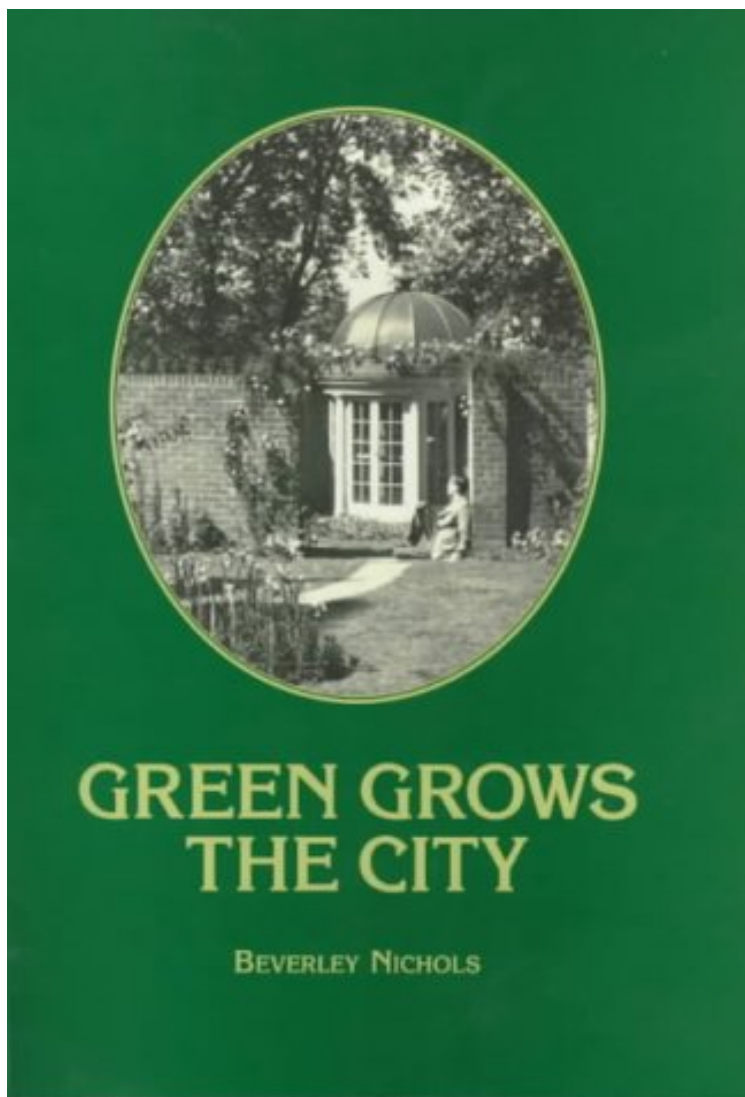


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love it but the masterpiece --to me is Laughter on ...By Sacred ChapelLove it but the masterpiece --to me is Laughter on the Stairs10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Delightfully NicholsBy MatthewThis book is a laugh a minute. Being a city person, I attempted to read this on the train, only to be greeted by strange looks from people sitting next to me as I laughed.Green Grows tells the story of the ultimate "problem" garden, as can only be told by the highbrow, snobbish Beverley Nichols. It was a "problem" only

because Beverley wouldn't let good enough alone. He had to have the perfect garden. While never actually getting his hands dirty, we stand beside him as he explores ways to shape his triangular back garden, install a domed greenhouse, deal with new neighbors, and still manage to take care of his cats. In Beverley's world, turning his garden into something beautiful, despite its awkward shape, is the most important thing in the world. He spares no expense and calls his contractor in at all hours, as well as making his gardener plant and move shrubs several times...as if he were arranging pictures on a wall. All this despite the fact that a war was about to begin...didn't matter a lick to him. Additionally comic is his relationship with his neighbor down the street. In a classic Nichols fashion, he again is vexed with the nose-y neighbor. His interaction with her is an additional bonus to the reader. This book is priceless. 23 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Filled with garden design ideas...By Dianne Foster I've read the Nichols' trilogy ('Merry Hall', 'Sunlight on the Lawn', 'Laughter on the Stairs') and recommend them all, but I enjoyed this one the most. Maybe that's because I live in an urban area, have a small odd-shaped yard, a cat and two dogs, and nutty neighbors. I'm always looking for ways to make my garden more private, overcome awkward features, and squeeze in more and more plants. This little book is a 'history' of how Nichols accomplished just that. He took an odd shaped city lot and turned it into a pretty little garden overcoming all sorts of obstacles including a very nosy neighbor. As I read this book, I kept thinking why leave--even if the move was to Merry Hall. I suppose a gardener can only arrange and dig up the yard so many times before the need to seek new ground arises. If you want some ideas about how to deal with your little urban plot until you move to your country estate, read this book. It's filled with cats, friends, flowers and laughter, and a great read before bedtime.

First published in 1939, this text relates the gradual transformation of a forlorn, unpromising patch of London garden into the sort of idyllic and imaginative retreat of which so many city-dwellers dream. The author charts his progress from inception to completion. Buoyed by memories of his garden and "Allways" in Huntingdonshire, his innovations include cunning layouts of pathways and flowering plants, the erection of a domed greenhouse and the introduction of cacti, the construction of a rock garden, and the painstaking design of his peculiar triangular space to draw the eye in desired directions and maximize the appeal of the garden.