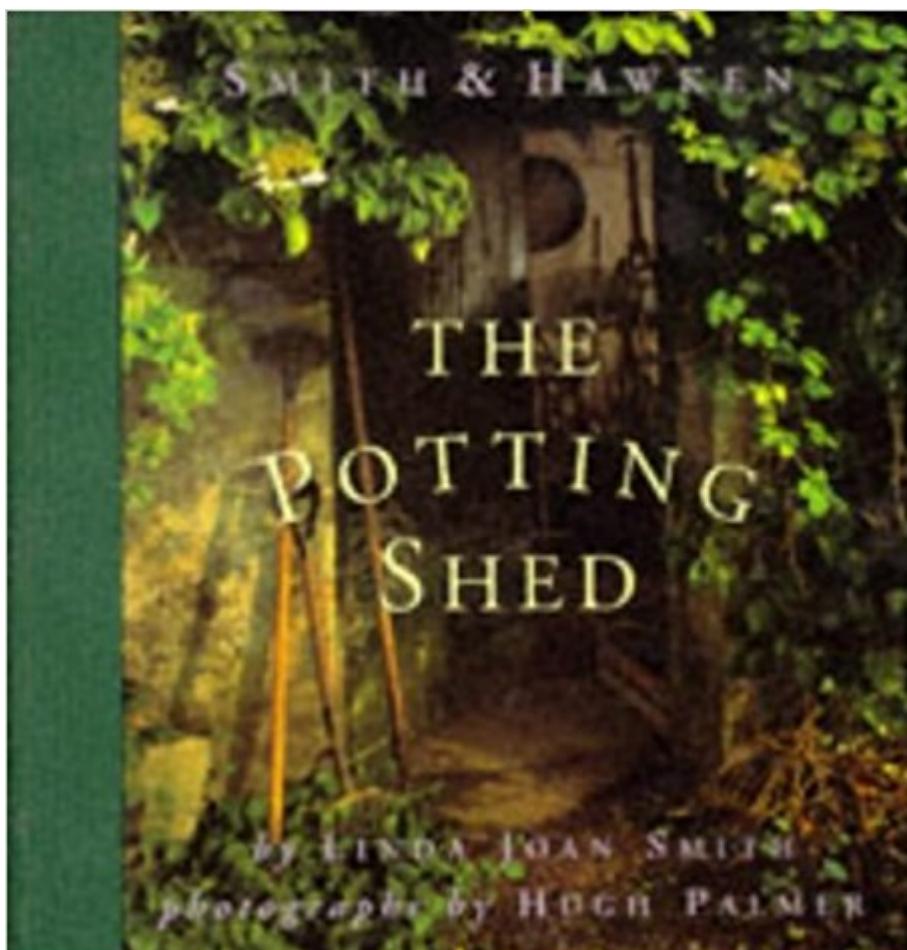


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# The Potting Shed (Smith & Hawken)



## **Synopsis**

A richly photographed full-color wish book, The Potting Shed from Smith & Hawken celebrates the room that is as much a workshop for the gardener as the kitchen is for the cook. Practical and romantic, idea-filled and beautiful, it is imbued with the Smith & Hawken sensibility: quality, authenticity, and a return to the old ways. There are chapters on the history of the potting shed. The gardener's tools, and how to store and care for them. And seasonal joys and labors, including spring--with tips on germinating seeds, using cloches, transplanting seedlings; summer--the time for picking flowers for potpourri; fall--how to dry herbs, plant spring-blooming bulbs, and gather seeds for next year; and winter--when it's time to relax in front of the woodstove and pore over catalogs. Whether the "potting shed" is a cleared-off space on a kitchen counter, a corner in the garage, an old table and wash basin against the side of the house--or an actual shed--The Potting Shed is every gardener's dream of where the garden begins. Photographs by Hugh Palmer. 48,000 copies in print.

## **Book Information**

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Potting sheds may serve extremely practical purposes, but in Smith's elegiac text they are viewed in the poetic realm of a gardener's fervent dreams. Some basic advice is included in side boxes, which supply gardening tips. And Smith does endeavor to address all gardeners, even those who utilize kitchen tables to plant up their fresh packets of seeds for nurturing indoors under grow lights. But overall, a romantic image emerges of the traditional uses for these separate little structures often

found tucked away out back somewhere, ostensibly to house tools or provide storage for supplies. Color photographs, beguiling prose, and quotes from literary figures add up to a captivating, old-fashioned impression of the potting shed as a private space for reverie. Alice Joyce

In the Potting Shed, our hearts, the pleasures of home, and the glories of the garden merge. Its practical character eases our garden labors. Its romantic nature enriches our lives. Here is peace, and beauty, and a sense of purpose.

so so buy...well written but at times dry...good for the money

This is the ultimate idea book when it comes to garden and potting sheds. I page through this and fantasize exactly how I want MY shed to look... a little like this, a little like that! It's not a "how to" -- it won't tell you how to build a shed. But it is a stepping off place to plan your shed, with ideas for every budget and space. One of my favorite "feel good" books to page through when I just want some ideas.

Very cute little book. Can use the book as a design element itself.

This is such a wonderful little book filled with charm and magic - I read and re-read it all the time. It would make the perfect gift for an old-fashioned gardener. Has some nice English history in it, just delightful.

Nice to page through but not much "content".

Great book!

While building my potting shed, I was searching for books for ideas both for the exterior and decorating inside. This book also is a joy to read!

Wonderful wish I could garden all the time

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