

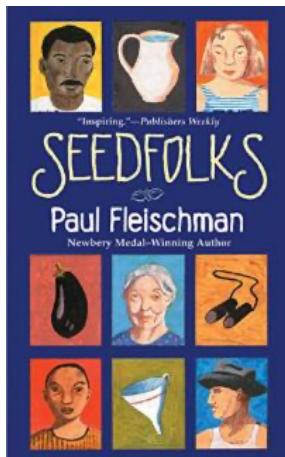


GIFTS TO INSPIRE GARDENERS OF TOMORROW

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The Orcas Island Garden Club promotes a love of nature and gardening. These gift books and activities are recommended for all the young gardeners of tomorrow. We encourage you to support our local independent bookstore, Darvills, which can special order any title not in their inventory. Local libraries are another way to share and enjoy gardening goodness while promoting a lifelong love of reading. This list was created by Helen Huber, former librarian, current literacy educator, and Communications Chair for the Garden Club.

CHAPTER BOOKS



Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman

A girl clears a small space and plants some beans in a vacant lot in her struggling urban neighborhood. Thirteen different characters/voices find opportunities to enrich their lives by gardening in the lot. This remarkable novel shows the power of a garden to grow vegetables, flowers, hope, and connection.



The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

This classic chapter book, originally published in 1911, tells the story of recently orphaned Mary Lennox who is sent to live with her uncle on the Yorkshire Moors. There she begins a new life of exploration and builds a relationship with both her invalid cousin and a new friend from the Moor. Mary discovers a secret garden. As she nurtures the garden and forms new relationships, she finds herself growing and changing in the process.