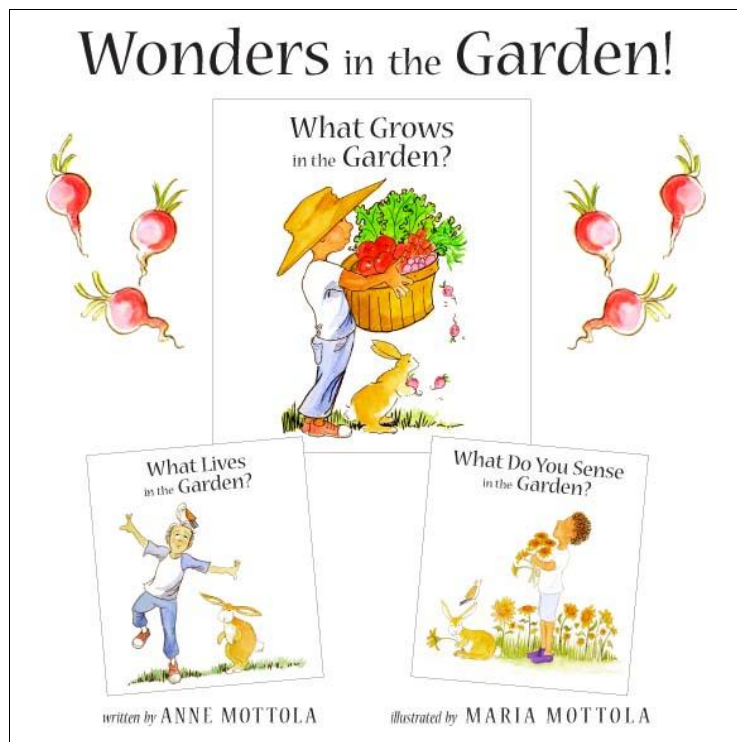


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Now Available from NYBG Press, *Wonders in the Garden!* Shows Young Readers The Delights of Gardening, From Growing Vegetables to Observing Nature

Richly Illustrated Three-Book Set Marks the First Publication of Children's Titles By NYBG Press, Further Expanding Its Offerings for General Readers



Cover illustration of the boxed set *Wonders in the Garden!*, published by The New York Botanical Garden Press

Bronx, NY—Introducing young children to the delicious plants, interesting animals and delightful sensations to be found in a garden, ***Wonders in the Garden!***, a set of three children's books written and illustrated by sisters Anne and Maria Mottola, is now available from The New York Botanical Garden Press. This boxed set marks the first publication of children's books by the NYBG Press as it expands beyond publishing original research in plant science and conservation to include general-interest titles.

Beautifully illustrated with enchanting, full-color drawings, *Wonders in the Garden!* is intended for children ages four to eight. Each of the books, which are also available individually,

explores a different aspect of gardening by featuring children in a garden setting, either in school, their community, or their neighborhood.

What Grows in the Garden?, the first title in the series, offers an engaging look at 12 vegetables, including broccoli, radishes, peas, and kohlrabi, and shows the different parts of these plants that are edible, from roots and stems to leaves and seeds. ***What Lives in the Garden?*** looks at some of the ways insects, birds, rabbits and other garden-dwellers help keep the soil and plants healthy. ***What Do You Sense in the Garden?*** explores the use of all five senses in the garden, showing how children can discover new smells, textures, tastes, sounds and sights amid the flowers and vegetables.

"Our hope is that each book will instill a love of gardening in children who read them and inspire them to be caretakers of the environment," Anne and Maria Mottola commented.

About the Authors of *Wonders in the Garden!*

Anne Mottola started gardening as a child growing up on Long Island, New York. She is currently an instructor for the Edible Academy at The New York Botanical Garden, an instructor for Kaleidoscope Garden Design, LLC in Westchester County, New York, and the lead garden instructor for the school garden she created and maintains at Osborn Elementary School in Rye, New York.

Maria Mottola studied at The Art Students League in New York City. Her work has appeared in *Travel + Leisure*, *City Limits*, *The Guardian*, and the *Village Voice* as well as in numerous publications for various non-profit organizations. She has exhibited her work in the New York metropolitan area, including the STAND Art Show in Brooklyn and the National Arts Club in New York City.

About The New York Botanical Garden Press

Since 1896 The New York Botanical Garden Press (nybgpress.org) has been publishing books and journals based on original research by scientists from around the world. The mission of NYBG Press is to put information in the hands of those engaged in exploring, understanding, and conserving plants and fungi. Areas of focus include floristics, systematics, economic botany, ecology, evolution, conservation, and ethnobotany. A growing list of books for general readers includes field guides and botanical history.

Ordering Information: *Wonders in the Garden!* boxed set—consisting of *What Grows in the Garden?*, *What Lives in the Garden?*, and *What Do You Sense in the Garden?*—is available through NYBG Press (\$39.99, hardcover). The books are also available individually (\$15.99 each for *What Grows in the Garden?* and *What Lives in the Garden?*; \$13.99 for *What Do You Sense in the Garden?*). To order, go to nybgpress.org or call 718.817.8721.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants, an educational institution, and a scientific research organization. Founded in 1891, the Botanical Garden is one of the world's preeminent centers for studying plants at all levels, from the whole organism down to its DNA. Garden scientists conduct fundamental research on plants and fungi globally, as well as on the many relationships between plants and people. A National Historic Landmark, the Garden's 250-acre site is one of the greatest botanical gardens in the world and the largest in any city in the United States, distinguished by the beauty of its diverse landscape and extensive collections and gardens, as well as by the scope and excellence of its programs in horticulture, education, and plant research and conservation. Learn more: nybg.org

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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