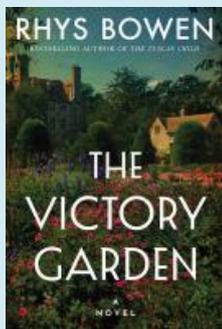


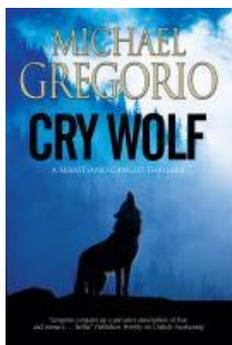
### **The lost garden / Katharine Swartz**

Lonely and stagnating in a soulless job, Marin Ellis is in need of a new start but she is not prepared for the one she is given. After her estranged father and his second wife die in a car accident, she is made guardian of her half-sister Rebecca. The half-sisters are practically strangers. At Rebecca's pleading they move to the picturesque village of Goswell. When a door to a walled garden captures Rebecca's interest, Marin becomes determined to open it and discover what is hidden beneath the brambles. She enlists the help of local gardener Joss Fowler, and together they begin to uncover the garden's surprising secrets. In 1919, Eleanor Sanderson, daughter of Goswell's vicar, is grieving the loss of her beloved brother Walter. As winter passes into spring, her mood remains bleak. When her father decides to hire someone to help Eleanor restore the vicarage gardens, she is enchanted by the possibility of a new garden-and the gardener her father hires, Yorkshireman Jack Taylor



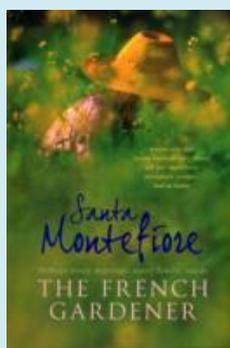
### **The victory garden / Rhys Bowen**

As the Great War continues to take its toll, headstrong twenty-one-year-old Emily Bryce is determined to contribute to the war effort. She is convinced by a cheeky and handsome Australian pilot that she can do more, and it is not long before she falls in love with him and accepts his proposal of marriage. When he is sent back to the front, Emily volunteers as a "land girl," tending to the neglected grounds of a large Devonshire estate. It's here that Emily discovers the long-forgotten journals of a medicine woman who devoted her life to her herbal garden. The journals inspire Emily, and in the wake of devastating news, they are her saving grace. Emily's lover has not only died a hero but has left her terrified--and with child. Since no one knows that Emily was never married, she adopts the charade of a war widow. As Emily learns more about the volatile power of healing with herbs, the found journals will bring her to the brink of disaster, but may open a path to her destiny.



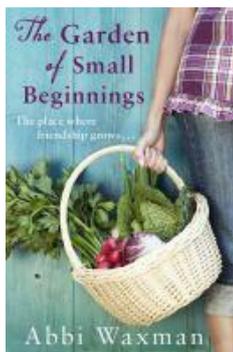
### **Cry wolf / Michael Gregorio**

Sebastiano Cangio has just accepted his dream job as a park ranger in the stunning Sybilline Mountains National Park in central Italy; it's a unique opportunity to study and live amongst the wild mountain wolves he loves so much. But when a series of devastating earthquakes rocks the region, the dream looks set to become a nightmare. With the area evacuated, the Mafia seize their chance to move in to pursue their own sinister agenda and Sebastiano finds himself the only person in a position to stop them. As he embarks on a lone mission to protect the beautiful, unspoiled landscape and ensure the survival of the wolf pack, Sebastiano finds himself up against a menacing trail of corruption: a trail that leads all the way to the top.



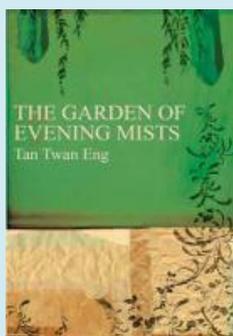
### **The French gardener / Santa Montefiore**

Miranda and David move out of London into a beautiful country house with a magical garden. But Miranda insists on tottering across the wet lawn in kitten heels, David is never there, and the children won't tear themselves away from the telly. Then an enigmatic Frenchman arrives. With the wisdom of nature he slowly begins to heal the past and the present. But who is he? His secret lies in the deepest recesses of the garden, for a garden, like love itself, can restore the human spirit not just season after season, but generation after generation..



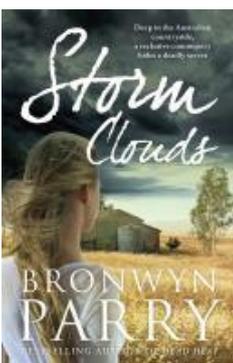
**The garden of small beginnings / Abbi Waxman**

Young widow Lilian Girvan can't see the garden for the weeds ... It's been three years since her husband was killed in a car accident and Lilian is still getting used to being sane after that one early breakdown. She's happy just being able to get her two girls to school every morning, keep her illustrating job, and catch up on her favorite TV shows with her sister. She's not exactly in a rut; she's just letting the grass grow under her feet. But then Lilian's boss asks her to illustrate a vegetable encyclopedia and signs her up for a vegetable-gardening class. Lilian reluctantly agrees and recruits her kids and sister to join her for some drama-free Saturday mornings, because what could be more relaxing than gardening? Nothing ... except that this class is filled with people who like to dig a little deeper than the surface....



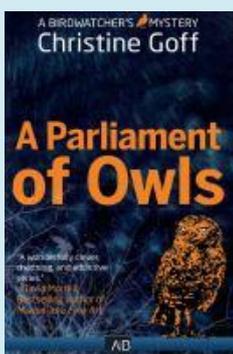
**The garden of evening mists / Tan Twan Eng**

Malaya, 1949. After studying law at Cambridge and time spent helping to prosecute Japanese war criminals, Yun Ling Teoh, herself the scarred lone survivor of a brutal Japanese wartime camp, seeks solace among the jungle fringed plantations of Northern Malaya where she grew up as a child. There she discovers Yugiri, the only Japanese garden in Malaya, and its owner and creator, the enigmatic Aritomo, exiled former gardener of the Emperor of Japan. Despite her hatred of the Japanese, Yun Ling seeks to engage Aritomo to create a garden in Kuala Lumpur, in memory of her sister who died in the camp. Aritomo refuses, but agrees to accept Yun Ling as his apprentice 'until the monsoon comes'. Then she can design a garden for herself.



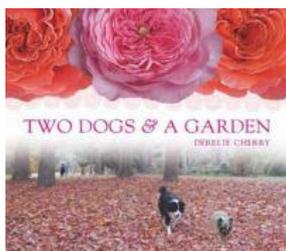
**Storm clouds / Bronwyn Parry**

Life is falling into place for National Parks ranger Erin Taylor. She has a job she loves, she is falling for her colleague, Simon and she is finally leaving the past behind. Until a woman is murdered. But the victim is not just any woman she is Simon's wife, Hayley. The wife he has not mentioned to Erin. The wife he has not seen in fourteen years. On the edge of the national park, the alternative lifestyle community of Simple Bliss denies knowing Hayley, but Simon and Erin suspect otherwise. As Simon uncovers shocking details about the group, Erin is drawn further into their midst and finds a web of lies, decades old and a charismatic, manipulative, dangerous cult leader who will let nothing and no-one stand in his way. On the wrong side of a river in flood that has become a lethal torrent, Erin and Simon must race to expose the truth and prevent a tragedy.



**A parliament of owls / Christine Goff**

Angela Dimato, a tenacious U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent, struggles to rebuild her life after the murder of her partner. During a routine tour of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Angela assesses the growing prairie dog town within the wildlife refuge when, to her horror, she discovers the body of a soccer mom sprawled out among the burrows. With her trademark instinct and her gun in tow, Angela investigates the murder, even as she battles the crippling flashbacks haunting her from her partner's case. The investigation takes sinister turn when the dead woman is identified as the leader of a group petitioning for the eradication of the prairie dog town. As Angela digs toward the truth, she finds her only hope is to tap into the wisdom of the case's sole eye witness--a burrowing owl--before more lives become at stake



**Two dogs and a garden / Derelie Cherry**

Filled with passion, beauty and truly gorgeous photographs, this delightful book is about an extraordinary and unique garden and the trials and tribulations experienced by those living in it: Derelie, Bob, Jessee and Trudy.

**Further Reading:**

Turtle reef / Jennifer Scoular

A nest in the ashes / Christine Goff

Feral dilemma : the life of a ranger... Michael Andersen

The people's gardener / Jim Buttress

Christopher Lloyd : his life at Great Dixter / Stephen Anderton

The growing pains of a gardener / Alan Titchmarsh