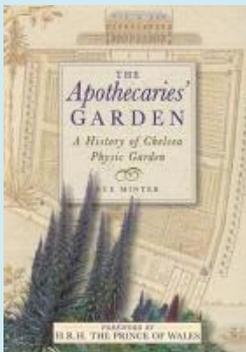




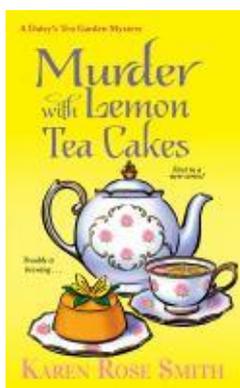
Bone meal for roses / Miranda Sherry

Her mother destroyed her. The garden saved her. Poppy was six years old when she was rescued from her abusive mother and taken to her grandparents' farm to recover. There, under a wide South African sky, Poppy succumbs to the magic of their garden. Slowly, her memories fade and her wounds began to heal. But as Poppy grows up into a strange, fierce and beautiful young woman, her childhood memories start to surface. And then a love affair with a troubled older man explodes her world.



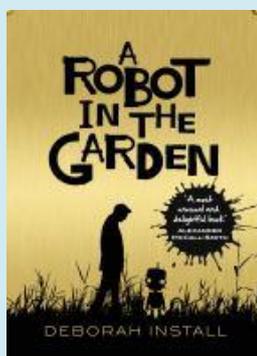
The apothecaries' garden : a new history of the Chelsea Physic Garden / Sue Minter

Founded in 1673 by the Society of Apothecaries, the Chelsea Physic Garden led the world for over 300 years in the research and classification of new plants. Sue Minter examines its history and many notable achievements.



Murder with lemon tea cakes / Karen Rose Smith

Daisy, a widowed mom of two teenagers, is used to feeling protective--so when Iris started dating the wealthy and not-quite-divorced Harvey Fitz, she worried... especially after his bitter ex stormed in and caused a scene at the party Daisy's Tea Garden was catering. Then there was the gossip she overheard about Harvey's grown children being cut out of his will. Daisy didn't want her aunt to wind up with a broken heart--but she never expected Iris to wind up a suspect in Harvey's murder. Now the apple bread and orange pekoe is on the back burner while the cops treat the shop like a crime scene--and Daisy hopes that Jonas Groft, a former detective from Philadelphia, can help her clear her aunt's name and bag the real killer before things boil over.



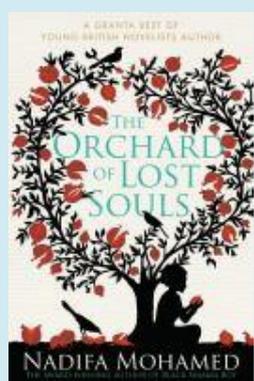
A robot in the garden / Deborah Install

Warm-hearted fable of a stay-at-home husband who learns an important lesson in life when an unusual creature enters his life. Ben Chambers wakes up to find something rusty and lost underneath the willow tree in his garden. Refusing to throw it on the skip as his wife Amy advises, he takes it home.



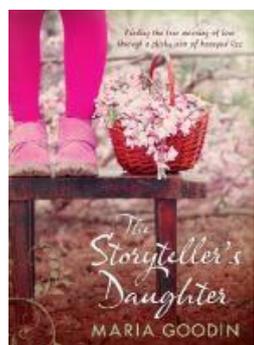
The plant messiah : adventures in search of the world's rarest species / Carlos Magdalena

Carlos Magdalena of Kew Gardens is not your average botanical horticulturist. He's a man on a mission to save the world's most endangered plants from destruction and thieves hunting for wealthy collectors. He is a plant messiah. From the planet's tiniest waterlily - the *Nymphaea thermarum* - to Huarango trees with roots over 50 metres long, Carlos has a miraculous ability to bring breathtakingly beautiful plants back from the brink of extinction. He has travelled to the most remote and dangerous parts of the world - from the mountains of Peru to isolated Indian Ocean islands to the deepest Australian outback - in search of the rarest exotic species. Then, back in the Tropical Nursery at Kew, he uses pioneering, left-field techniques to help them grow.



The orchard of lost souls / Nadifa Mohamed

It is 1988 and Hargeisa waits. Whispers of revolution travel on the dry winds but still the dictatorship remains secure. Soon, and through the eyes of three women, we will see Somalia fall. Nine-year-old Deqo has left the vast refugee camp she was born in, lured to the city by the promise of her first pair of shoes. Kawsar, a solitary widow, is trapped in her little house with its garden clawed from the desert, confined to her bed after a savage beating in the local police station. Filsan, a young female soldier, has moved from Mogadishu to suppress the rebellion growing in the north. And as the country is unravelled by a civil war that will shock the world, the fates of the three women are twisted irrevocably together.



The storyteller's daughter / Maria Goodin

Meg May can't remember anything about her early childhood but her fairytale-telling mother has filled her in on all the important details. Meg knows that her father was a French chef who died in a tragic pastry-making accident and that the scar on her cheek was the result of a nip from one of her mother's crab cakes. At eight years old, Meg rebels against this fictional life and decides to turn her back on the world of stories, determined to let logic rule every thought and deed. Now on the verge of a respected scientific career with a scientist boyfriend who believes only in facts, Meg is called home. Her mother is ill and as Meg spends one last summer with her she longs to know the reality of her life but she may not discover the truth in time.

Further reading:

Fiction

- Landscape with solitary figure / Shonagh Koea
- The ancient garden / Hwang Sok-Yong
- The blind man's garden / Nadeem Aslam
- The crow garden / Alison Littlewood
- The Cottingley secret / Hazel Gaynor
- The promise seed / Cass Moriarty

Non-fiction

- 100 plants that almost changed the world / Chris Beardshaw

- Frida Kahlo's garden / Adriana Zavala Et Al. (eds.)
- How to garden / Royal Horticultural Society
- My garden is a car park / Kendra Wilson
- The Earth's deep breathing / Harvey McQueen (ed.)
- The lost gardens of Heligan / Tim Smit

Beamafilm (documentaries) – see library staff for more information

- Gardening with soul
- A year in the life of Sister Loyola Galvin and her vegetable garden in Wellington*