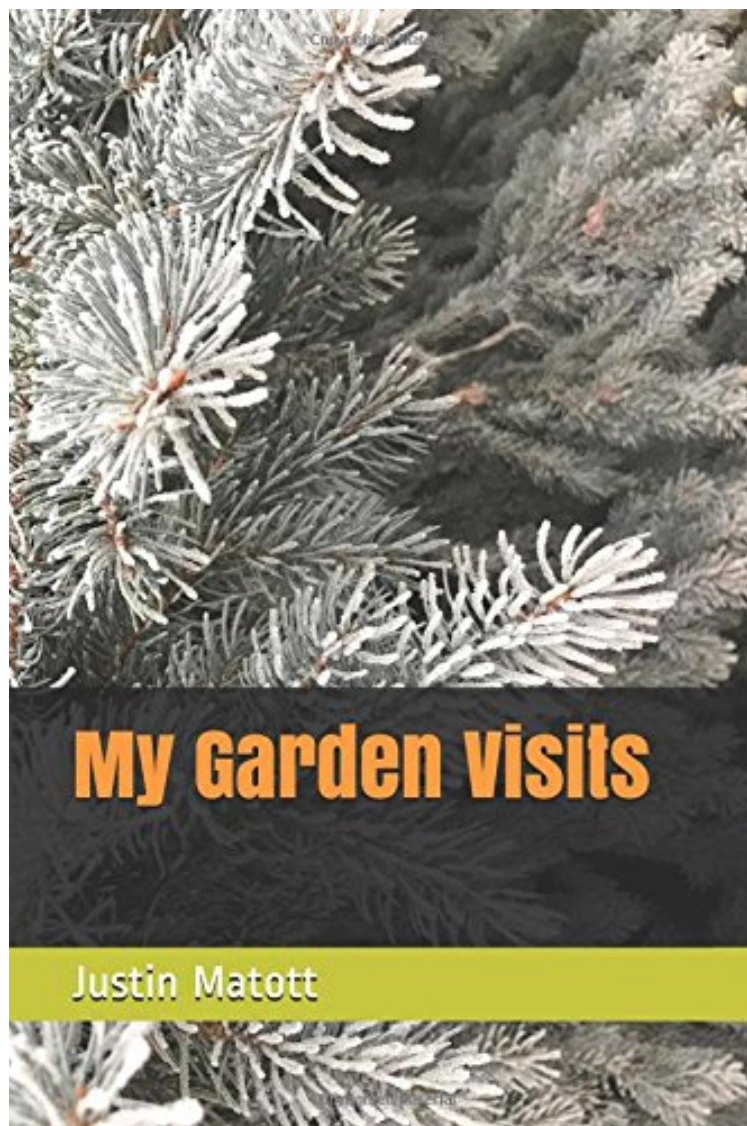


## My Garden Visits

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linked to the present through flowers. Flowers exquisitely chosen to depict his cherished memories. I find the Authors' portrayal of his visits in his garden with his mother to be inspiring, and define the loving bond between them, a bond to be envied, and admired. One can only imagine the nurturing care given by the Author as he plants and sows his beautiful gardens. Gardens planted with boundless elegance, carefully planned with the complete understanding, so generously inherited from his father. It's easy to imagine each memory as it unfolds, to see the brilliant flowers, and realize their fragrances, giving hope that the last page will take forever in making its presence known. I find Vignette IV, Aquilegia, to be my favorite place to revisit, as I do quite often. This chapter truly captures a mother's love and devotion. As I give my mother and my daughters each a copy of "My Garden Visits" they too will know this book is written from the heart, and will treasure it always, as I do. I anxiously await the next publication by Justin Matott, and thank him for his incredible forte in writing. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A visually and spiritually beautiful book. By A Customer This book was not meant to be devoured in a single, can't-put-it-down reading marathon. Rather, each chapter should be meticulously tended to and savored, just as its author meticulously tended his garden and savored each visit from the spiritual presence of his deceased mother.

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