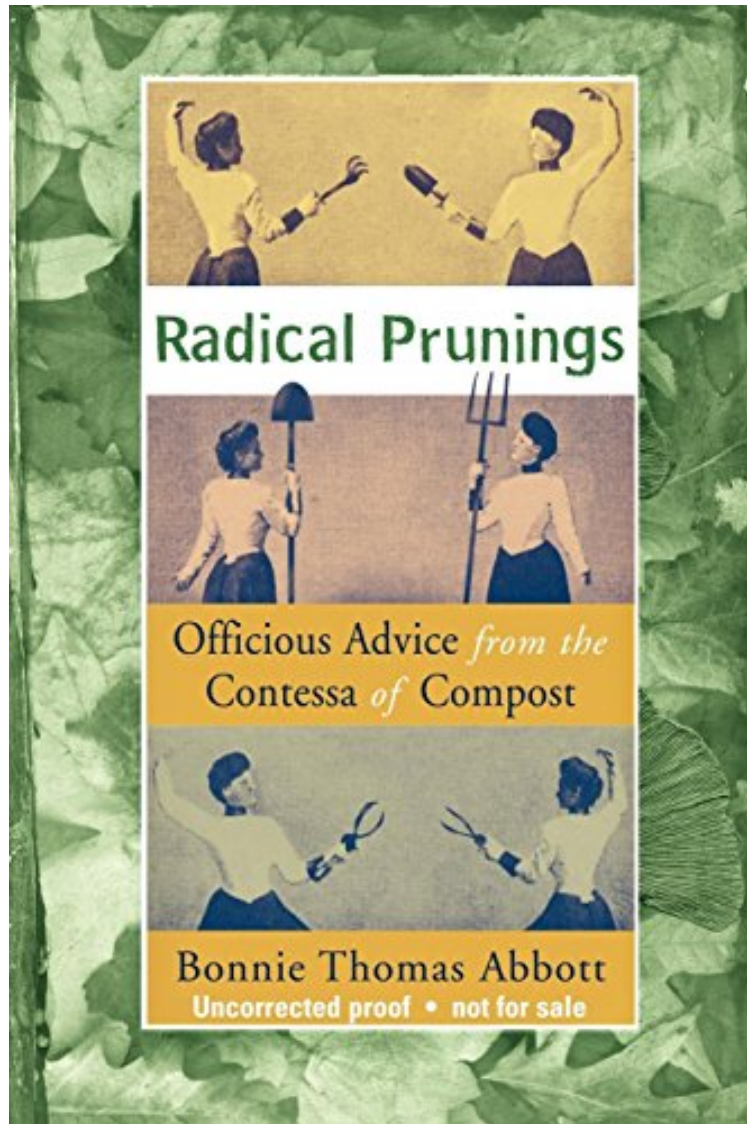


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From Booklist If "Miss Manners" were to write a gardening column, "Radical Prunings" would be its title, and "Mertensia Corydalis" her horticultural nom de plume. Abbott's hilarious debut novel brilliantly captures the tongue-in-cheek chiding so familiar to readers of advice columns in this ersatz gardening how-to. Wielding a literary trowel honed to a sharp-edged point, Abbott's fictional green-thumb advisor eviscerates correspondents seeking her expertise with a rapier-like wit as she chastises them for such botanical boo-boos as planting sunflowers in a row, hostas in sunshine, and anything orange. Aply assisted by her Vietnamese garden boy, Tran, and not-so-ably by the administratively challenged Miss Vong, Mertensia issues a pithy QA newsletter, exposing gardening gaffes, and her own topsy-turvy life, season by season. Abbott's readers must remind themselves that this is a work of fiction and that there is no "Mertensia Corydalis" in real life. Pity, for amid her spot-on satire of advice columnists who take themselves too seriously, Abbott, or Mertensia, offers some bona fide gardening information. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved A few warm days woke up my crocus. The leaves are well out of the ground. What will happen if the weather turns cold again? Will the flowers be ruined? Is there anything I can do? What about the bulbs--will they be damaged? From the Publisher In *Radical Prunings*, Bonnie Thomas Abbott does for gardening what *The Debt to Pleasure* did for cooking. Dig down deep with one of the most appealing narrators to emerge in recent years a woman wise about all things horticultural but not nearly as certain when the human heart is involved.