

The Heirloom Garden: A Novel

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Iris Maynard lost her husband in World War II, her daughter to loneliness and, finally, her reason to live. Walled off from the world for decades behind a towering fence surrounding her home and gardens, Iris has built a new family...of flowers. Iris propagates her own daylilies and roses while tending to an heirloom garden filled with starts-and memories of her own mother, grandmother, husband and daughter.

When Abby Peterson moves to Grand Haven, Michigan, with her family—a husband traumatized during his service in the Iraq War and a young daughter searching for stability—they find themselves next door to Iris, and are slowly drawn into their reclusive neighbor's life where, united by loss and a love of flowers, Iris and Abby slowly unearth their secrets.

In her inimitable heartwarming style, Viola Shipman's brand-new novel follows two women, separated by a generation but equally scarred by war, who find hope, meaning and friendship through a garden of flowers.

Watch for
The Heirloom Garden
, coming soon from Graydon House.

Viola Shipman is a pen name for Wade Rouse, a popular award-winning memoirist. Rouse chose his grandmother's name, Viola Shipman, to honor the woman whose heirlooms and family stories inspire his writing. Rouse divides his time between Michigan and California, writes regularly for *People* and *Coastal Living* and is a contributor to *All Things Considered*. He is the bestselling author of *The Charm Bracelet*, *The Hope Chest* and *The Recipe Box*.

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Other Books

Flavors from the Garden, Eighty seasonal recipes from master gardener William Woys Weaver will inspire victory gardeners and CSA shoppers to turn heirloom vegetables into delicious dishes. As a trusted expert in the lore of the garden, you can't do much better than celebrated author, chef, and custodian of the Roughwood Seed Collection, William Woys Weaver. With recipes that follow the seasons, each chapter guides the reader from the garden to the kitchen to the table, an invaluable and enjoyable resource of growing, harvesting, cooking, and preserving knowledge. Comforting dishes included here range from fresh salads, slaws, and stir-fries to hearty soups and baked goods. Conserves, marmalades, and pickles preserve peak-season produce for yearlong enjoyment. Weaver's plant-centric recipes include Pennsylvania Dutch favorites as well as inspirations from his global travels. With each bite, these recipes present the delicious biodiversity of local produce and careful preparation. Essays and sidebars enrich the reader's experience with practical tips on the proper treatment of ingredients.

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