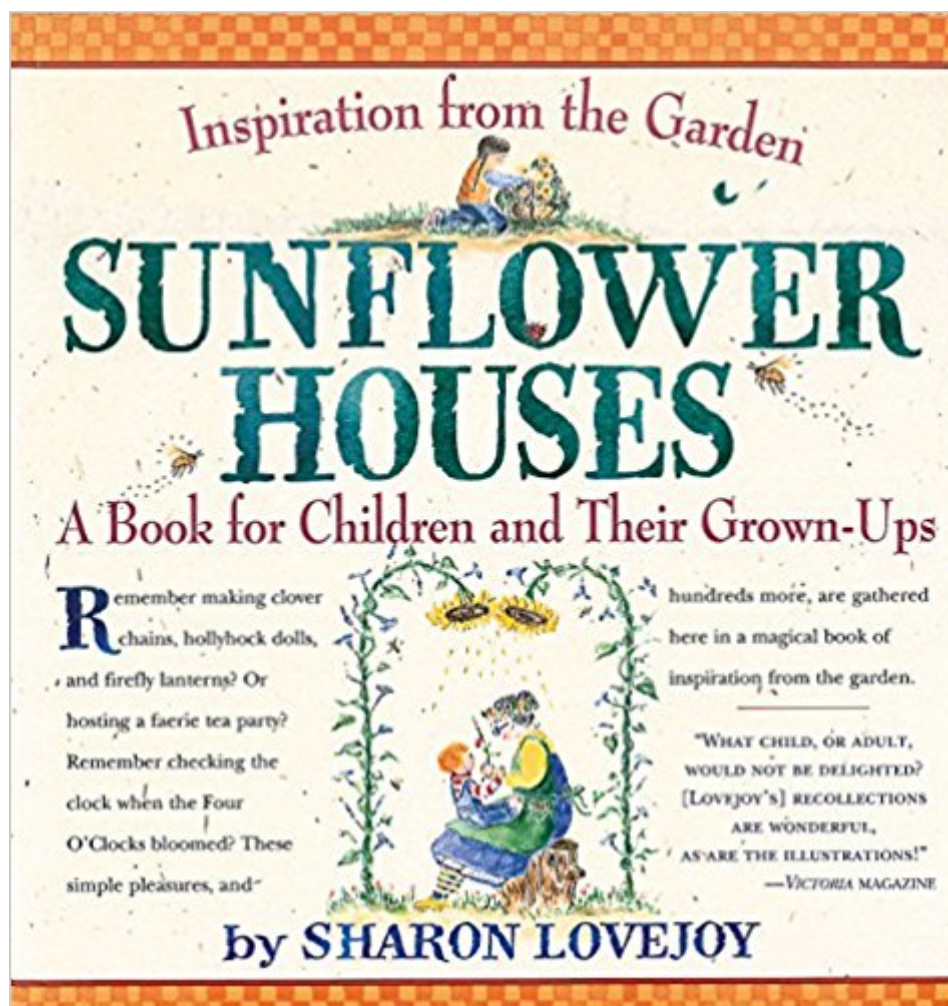


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# Sunflower Houses: Inspiration From The Garden--A Book For Children And Their Grown-Ups



## Synopsis

A magical book of adventures and appreciations written and illustrated by the author of *Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots* this award-winning title was published by a small press in Colorado in 1991. The reviews say it all: A fetching primer on gardening for children. . . . Irresistible (The Smithsonian). What child, or indeed adult, would not be delighted? Lovejoy's recollections are wonderful, as are the illustrations (Victoria). Celebrating the lore of the garden and the joy of interacting with nature, *Sunflower Houses* is a unique garden lover's miscellany, a collection of memories, poems, activities, garden plans, crafts, botanical riddles, stories, games, and planting projects. There are inspirations for a Floral Clock Garden, A Child's Own Rainbow, Faerie Tea Parties, and, of course, the Sunflower House. Plus, from garden lovers, stories of favorite flowers. Throughout are the artist's warm and appealing watercolors of a life in gardening remembered.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"A fetching primer on gardening for children, chockablock with botanical lore. Green-thumbed adults will also find this an irresistible excursion into old-fashioned garden history. The Smithsonian [Sunflower Houses] lit up my life, and indeed, may go on doing so for many years to come. Enchanting!"  
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Review "What child, or adult, would not be delighted? [Lovejoy's] recollections are wonderful, as are the illustrations!" —Emilie Tolley

Remember making clover chains, hollyhock dolls, and firefly lanterns? Or hosting a faerie tea party? Remember checking the clock when the Four O'Clocks bloomed? These simple pleasures, and hundreds more, are gathered here in a magical book of inspiration from the garden. WHAT CHILD, OR ADULT, WOULD NOT BE DELIGHTED? "LOVEJOY'S" RECOLLECTIONS ARE WONDERFUL, AS ARE THE ILLUSTRATIONS! (VICTORIA MAGAZINE)

Have purchased many copies of this book for the younger children in our family and they all adore the book and the activities.

Wonderful book to encourage parents to get outside and in the dirt with kids.

I am in love with Sharon Lovejoy's books. I highly recommend them all. These are a collection of pretend-play ideas, outdoor discoveries, woodsy crafts, old fashioned games, and even some recipes that all help us meditate upon the forgotten luxury of simple living. Many of the activities guide you through the types of outdoor play you may have long forgotten since becoming a curmudgeonly old adult. Lovejoy makes fairies come alive again and mudpies seem like culinary masterpieces. There are various suggestions about how to create a cozy, child-friendly oasis within your home - stashing dress up clothes in a large trunk, keeping a large basket full of books in every room, bringing nature indoors. The illustrations throughout these books are so charming - watercolor sketches reminiscent of Beatrix Potter, which is perfectly suited to the content of the books. Visit my parenting blog for more great book recommendations similar to this one. [...]

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Sharon Lovejoy is a very sensitive and thoughtful writer. She writes from the heart. The illustrations are quality and witty. I have a lot of Sharon's books and recommend them all.

wonderful, whimsical look at fairies made from flowers and all kind of old-fashioned garden lore.  
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Love sharing it with the kids we tutor!

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