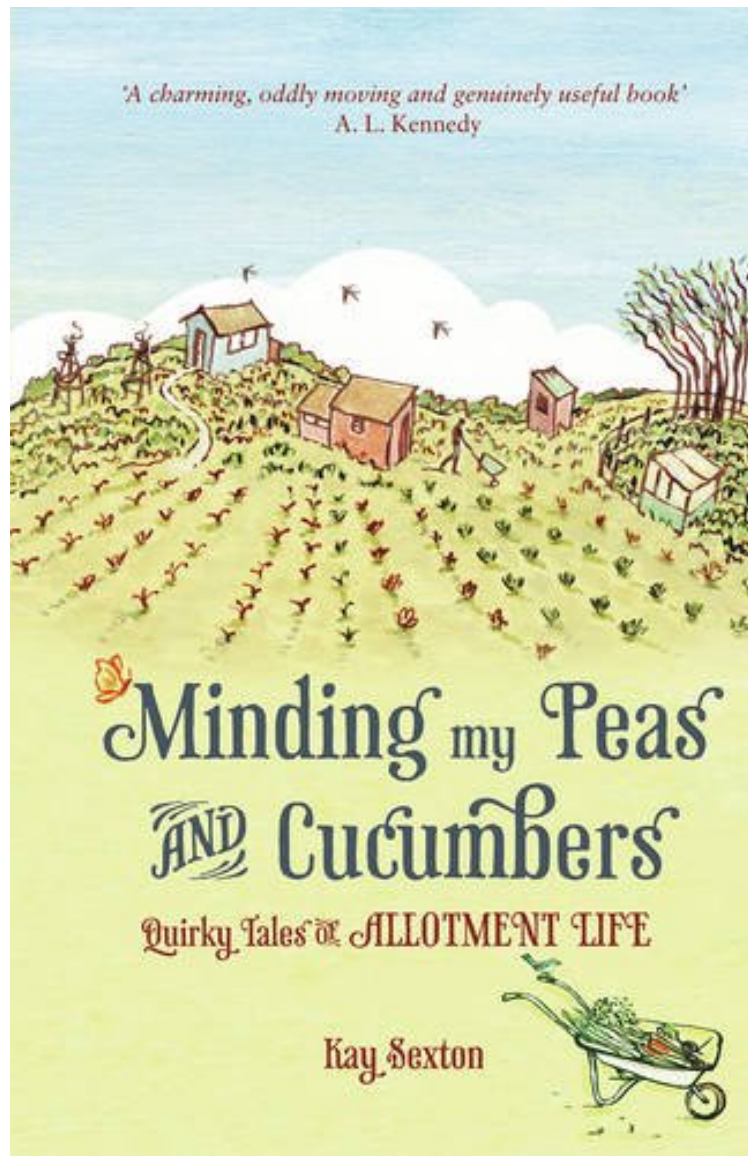


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**Kay Sexton : Minding My Peas and Cucumbers: Quirky Tales of Allotment Life** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Minding My Peas and Cucumbers: Quirky Tales of Allotment Life:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Loved the book. By Client Kay Sexton has a great sense of humor and a great writing style, so needless to say, she already won me over for those reasons alone. The book is like

Louisiana gumbo...has a bit of everything in there. If you want a realistic view on what allotment life is like, it's in the book. You want to understand what allotment life is, vivid explanations are in the book. You want a few juicy stories about other people's business? You can find those in the book too. How about a few recipes and guidance on what to do with the fruit of your labor? It's all in the book. This was certainly an enjoyable read, and I have to say that I did jump through a few hoops to get this book. I live in the States (this book is sold in the U.K.) so I was not able to purchase the Kindle edition (so much for instant gratification)...then I waited a good bit for it to come in the mail. In the end though, it was worth the effort. Not only that, but I have a friend ready and waiting to give my copy a read. I'm sure she'll be happy that I finally finished the book :) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I don't mind at all

By Wiltshire Bookworm  
If you have a victory garden: Read this book  
If you want a victory garden or are thinking about it: You need this book  
If you don't have a victory garden: Read this book anyway  
Why? I hear you ask...  
If you have a victory garden: you will be squirming and giggling with that uncomfortable sense of delight that Kay Sexton has a plot near you, but you haven't met her yet. You may even recognise yourself in the character(s) she portrays. Failing that there's quite a few recipes in there you probably haven't tried yet which will come in handy for those future gluts.  
If you want a victory garden: Kay really tells it like it is, including all the hard bits. You will be going into the deal not only with your eyes wide open but also armed with lots of useful little nuggets of information all those shiny, authoritative looking Grow Your Own books have somehow forgotten to mention. Failing that, you will see how inventive folk have to be to use up their annual harvest.  
If you don't have a victory garden: you will realise that life there encompasses the whole of the real world in miniature and you will enjoy the stories she recounts about the version of it up at her plot. Failing that, there's always the deliciously unusual recipes to try...  
Kay has beaten me to it and written the book I've always wanted to tell about my fellow allotmenters here in the UK. Mr Allotment Warden, Threadspider and Fred to name but three from my allotment site can all sleep easy in their beds from now on.  
Reviewed first on .co.uk with revisions for the USA. It's a quirky fictional tale of part of the British way of life, but its themes and tips are universal.

Amusing tales about the ups and downs of managing an allotment for the first time  
When Kay Sexton becomes the proud holder of an allotment, she hopes it will be her first foray towards self-sufficiency for her family. Instead, she finds herself in a strange world of arcane rules and regulations and hose-pipe standoffs. After a rocky start, she finds her mud-caked Wellingtoned feet and successfully navigates her way through allotment-keeping: battling Biblical-scale pest invasions; learning the dark arts of the competitive vegetable grower; and practicing ninja-like disappearing acts to avoid yet another free cucumber from a neighboring gardener. Witty, well-observed and with mouth-watering recipes, this book is for anyone who dreams of a slice of the good life.

About the Author  
Kay Sexton has been a finalist for several writing awards including the Sunday Times Short Story Award 2010.