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# The Evil Garden



## Synopsis

Great-Uncle Franz, beside the lake, is being strangled by a snake. The peaches, apples, plums, and pears are guarded by ferocious bears. Alexa watches while her aunt pulls feet first inside a plant. A happy, naive family enters the Evil Garden (free admission!) to spend a sunny afternoon in its inviting landscape, lush with exotic trees and flowers. They soon realize their mistake, as harrowing sounds and evidence of foul play emerge. When humongous hairy bugs, famished carnivorous plants, ferocious fruit-guarding bears, and a sinister strangling snake take charge, the family's ominous feelings turn to full-on panic—but where's the exit? Edward Gorey leads us through this nefarious garden with a light step. His unmistakable drawings paired with engaging couplets produce giggles, not gasps. Perhaps *The Evil Garden* is a morality tale; perhaps it's simply an enigmatic entertainment. Whatever the interpretation, it's a prime example of the iconic storytelling genius that is Edward Gorey.

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For lovers of Gorey's works this is a must, and for those unfamiliar with him then *The Evil Garden* makes one of the best introductions possible. --LibraryThing Early Reviewer  
[A] wickedly fun book! *The Evil Garden* is in typical Edward Gorey fashion: Starting out with a beautiful day and devolving into mayhem! --LibraryThing Early Reviewer

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The rather horrid story of a very frugal family eager to enjoy a formal garden with no admission price. Moral to the story: most likely, beware of anything "free" for it may end up costing you quite dearly. Another delightfully dreadful story by the master, Edward Gorey.

Love these books! Fun for kids of all ages! Macabre without being scary.

Can't go wrong with an Edward Gorey book!!

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Always a fun but weird writer and artist

Cute :)

Christmas gift for wife. She adored.

Any of Gorey's work that involves children causes a shiver of anticipatory fright. Recommended to those who are especially fond of his plights of children

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