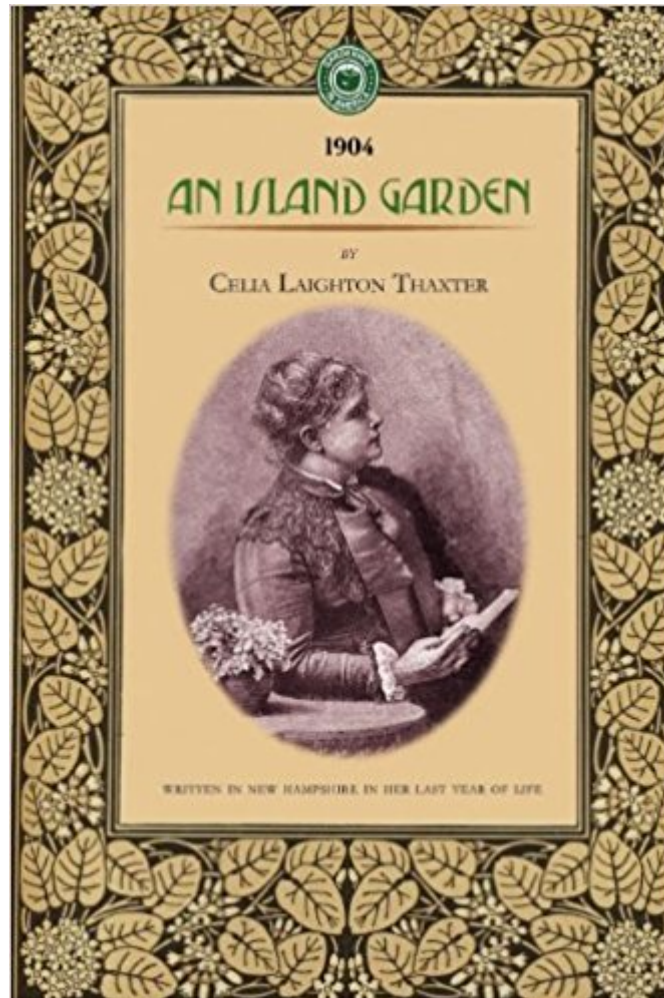




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Synopsis

Celia Laighton Thaxter (1835-1894) was born in Portsmouth, NH. When she was four, her father became the lighthouse keeper on White Island in the Isles of Shoals. After resigning his post eight years later, he built a resort hotel on Appledore Island in Maine. The first of its kind on the New England coast, the hotel became a gathering place for writers and artists during the latter half of the 19th century. In her last year of life, Celia published this work, in which she lovingly describes her Appledore garden and its flowers. The flowers she grew in her cutting garden filled her own rooms and those of the hotel, and this work became famous for its descriptions of the old-fashioned flowers she grew there. Her island garden, a plot that measured 15 feet square, has been re-created and is open to visitors.

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Hassam's masterful renderings of the garden and island ... are as important to American Impressionism as Monet's poppy pictures or paintings of his garden at Giverny are to French Impressionism --Home and Garden Magazine --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

About the time the facsimile edition was first published, Celia Thaxter's garden was restored by volunteers according to the plans noted in this book. It is open to visitors through arrangements with Cornell University's marine laboratory on nearby Star Island, off the coast of Portsmouth, New

Hampshire.

I love how she explains things as she writes, talking to her flowers, describing each little flower's personality. I especially love how she describes the ocean waves as they break on the shore. It is like you are there with her and living every little detail. Fascinating book, I read it over many times because I just want to "live" there in my dreams.

I wanted the paintings by Childe Hassam.

Celia Thaxter is one of America's most wonderful gardeners. She made beauty grow where there was nothing before. Simple gardening ideas, trials and errors and fighting the always-hungry slugs lets us all identify with her.

The images are by Childe Hassam. The garden was on an island in the Isles of Shoals off New Hampshire, which I've visited many times. Originals of this book are very expensive, so this edition is nice to have.

best garden book of a place and in a certain time ... ever! Worth owning! Worth reading. And if you are lucky ... worth going to that island in the Isle of Shoals, NH

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