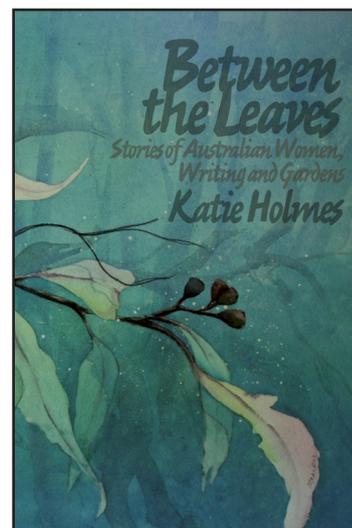


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## **Between the Leaves** **Stories of Australian Women, Writing and Gardens** **By Katie Holmes**



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*Between the Leaves* provides a moving insight into these women's lives, and seeks to understand the ways women were involved in transforming the Australian landscape, and creating within it places they called home.

This book explores the notion that a garden, as both a private and public space, offered these women a refuge for memories, a shelter for their dreaming and a domain for intimacy - a place where their personal stories, fantasies and longing found expression.

The writings are rich, diverse, eloquent and surprising, conveying a powerful sense of the importance of the garden and the writing of it. The collection reveals stories of grief, hope, friendship, separation, family, ageing, creativity, identity, and the value of tending new growth and the now consuming question of how we live in a changing climate.

This book is essential reading for lovers of Australian history and literature, the Australian landscape, gardening, biography and life writing.

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