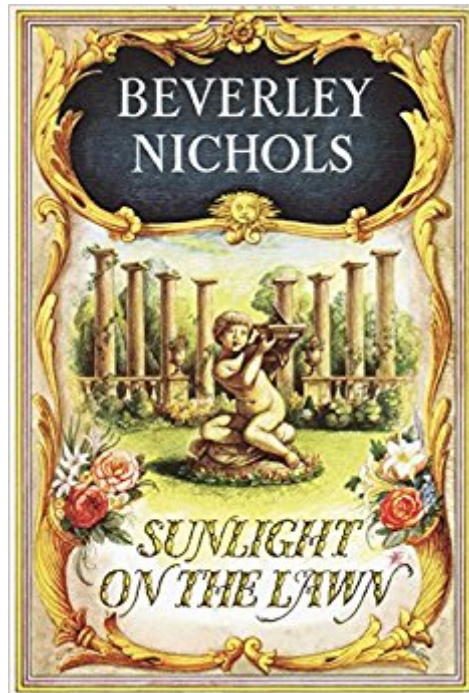




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Synopsis

Sunlight on the Lawn brings to a close Beverley Nichols's delightful Merry Hall trilogy describing the renovation of his rundown Georgian mansion and its garden.

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Customer Reviews

“Be prepared. Beverley Nichols's garden books are part PG Wodehouse and part James Barrie—full of hilarious Jeeves-like characters and events, with moments of Peter Pan magic. Pacific Horticulture “Delightful. . . . best read on a sunny day while lounging in your own garden hammock. Buffalo Spree “The Nichols books are gardening classics; after reading one volume, you will want to read the others, so it would be best to buy all three at the outset. Journal of the New England Garden History Society “I can think of no better book to start the new century than one that reflects the best of the old in such gracious, entertaining style. Hull Daily Mail “First published in 1956. . . . it still holds great charm. Choice “In his entertaining and inimitable manner, Beverly Nichols wraps up his trilogy on the renovation of Merry Hall and its garden. American Rhododendron Society Journal “Garden vicariously with Mr. Nichols and expect to be captivated. American Rhododendron Society Journal “This trilogy is consistently delightful, gentle, witty, and charming. Reading these books is like having your back

scratched by your best friend. . . . it's all so pleasant, you wish it will never end. "The charm of Merry Hall, Laughter on the Stairs (mostly about the house) and Sunlight on the Lawn is undeniable, a mixture of the lyrical, the teasing, the understatedly witty and the self-mockingly camp." •Iowa Source "The charm of Merry Hall, Laughter on the Stairs (mostly about the house) and Sunlight on the Lawn is undeniable, a mixture of the lyrical, the teasing, the understatedly witty and the self-mockingly camp." •Daily Telegraph

This is the final volume in the delightful Merry Hall trilogy, the author's account of the renovation of his run-down Georgian mansion & garden.

Sunlight on the Lawn is the third volume in the Merry Hall trilogy by Beverley Nichols. Where the first volume focused on the garden at Merry Hall and the second focused on the house, this volume focuses on the community, providing a humorous glimpse into English village life in the 1950's. Gardeners and fans of Mr. Nichols' spendthrift ways will be happy to know that large-scale projects continue apace in the author's garden. It is a mistake to read the foreword first - it casts an elegiac tone over the rest of the book. Save it for the end. Also putting a bit of a damper on things is the fact that we realize in this book that Our Beverley is something of a coward - he touches so lightly on the death of one of the characters (real people - this is memoir, not fiction) that the reader is left gasping, and spends the rest of the book wondering if he has mis-read. For these reasons I have knocked one star off of my rating for this book. Having said that, if you have already read and enjoyed the first two volumes, you will be eager to spend more time in the company of this author, and see what his friends and neighbors are getting up to. Mr. Nichols is a keen observer of people, and with his deliciously dry wit (and unsparing of himself) he turns everyday situations and relationships into real entertainment. Highlights of the book include the escalating but ever "civil" feud between Our Rose and Miss Emily, and how Bob helps extricate Miss Mint from a very sticky situation involving the tenants from hell. I'm off to order more books by Mr. Nichols!

After reading about Beverley Nichols in a gardening blog I borrowed the first book from the library. Enjoyed it so much, that I bought the whole series. Very charming books, with many laugh out loud moments. I give this series of books to friends that anyone gardening, and love cats.

I liked it, but you knew this was the end to the series of Merry Hall. It had a feeling "of the end."

Fabulous and hilarious and filled with clever bon mots, scenarios and advice Never heard of

Beverley Nichols until my sister gave me Merry Hall--part of the Trilogy---now completely addicted and have read every book twice. As relevant and knowledgeable today as it was when written. Greatest gift for gardeners who know how ironic the gardening passion will always be and adore it anyway. The same people will thank you for providing a reason to take a break, rest their bodies and laugh at it all.

Mr. Nichols 'Merry Hall' trilogy is a must-read for everyone who hopes to have a large garden one day. This was written just after WWII and Mr. Nichols belonged to a social class that you don't see today - at least not in the USA; but his frustrations and joys are understandable to anyone who has tried to get a garden to grow.

Perfect finish for trilogy but sad it was the last

This is the third book in the Merry Hall trilogy; a hilarious series of books written by a "proper" British gentleman about the trials and tribulations of finding, remodelling and decorating his home and garden. The books are heaps of fun, filled with his beloved flowers and cats, as well as, rival gardeners and nosy neighbors (if looks could kill!). Although his trilogy is chiefly known for its superb humor, it often astounds with deep insight into human nature, and many a times it tugs at the heart strings (I ended up shedding a few tears over each book). I read "Merry Hall" (my 1st Beverly Nichols book) about a year ago, after which I was compelled to read all of his works (which in most cases meant searching for out of print books). I highly recommend the entire trilogy to anyone who wants to laugh.

This trilogy is so enjoyable and beautifully written.

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