

## Jennifer Potter

### Author

Jennifer Potter's ten books to date include four novels, a biography, two books about gardens and works of social, cultural and botanical history. Her most recent book, *The Jamestown Brides*, tells the true story of young English women shipped to Virginia and traded for tobacco as wives to the planters. It was published by Atlantic Books in the UK in October 2018 and will appear in the US in 2019 with Oxford University Press.



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### Publications

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#### Fiction

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Publication Details	Notes
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**THE ANGEL  
CANTATA**

2013

Full Circle Editions

Inspired by a concert held during the Aldeburgh Festival on an American airbase in Suffolk, this haunting novel shows how complex human relations and the power of place can capture and inspire the musical imagination.

#### Non-Fiction

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**STRANGE  
BLOOMS**

2006  
Atlantic  
Books

This beautifully written and gorgeously produced book describes the remarkable lives and times of the John Tradescants, father and son.

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**THE ROSE**

2010  
Atlantic

In *The Rose*, the acclaimed horticultural historian Jennifer Potter shows what, exactly, gives this most fragrant flower its potency in societies around the world. Beginning her story in the Greek and Roman empires, she travels across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Americas to unravel its evolution from a simple briar of the northern hemisphere to the height of cultivated perfection found in rose gardens today. Whether laying bare the flower's long association with sexuality and secret societies, questioning the Crusaders' role in bringing roses back from the Holy Land, or hunting for its elusive blooms in the gardens of the Empress Josephine at Malmaison, Jennifer Potter reveals why this flower, above all others, has provoked such fascination.

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**LOST  
GARDENS**

2000  
Channel 4  
Books

The accompaniment to the Channel 4 series of the same name. The reader is taken back in time to discover and recreate eight gardens, now forgotten and overgrown, as they would have been in their heyday. A team of impassioned gardeners grapple with questions to unlock the gardens' secrets.

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**SECRET  
GARDENS**

1998  
Octopus

A wide variety of secret gardens is explored, from intimate retreats to treehouses, caves and grottoes.

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