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My Herbarium of People

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"This year's picture-book gem, a hybrid work about humans and the environment, a joyous poetic homage to those who care for the earth in all its diversity."

Part fiction, part reality, an unusual and poetic picture book about a communal garden and those who grow there.

"To make an herbarium, you must collect plants, dry them carefully between two blotters, stick them on the pages of a large notebook, and write down their scientific names and characteristics. More interesting than plants are the gardeners who grow them. Good thing, too, for there are plenty of people who take care of their gardens, each in their own way, just down the road from me. So I decided to meet them and learn more about their daily lives."

In these mischievous portraits, Rémi Courgeon pays sensitive tribute to the people who inspired them.

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