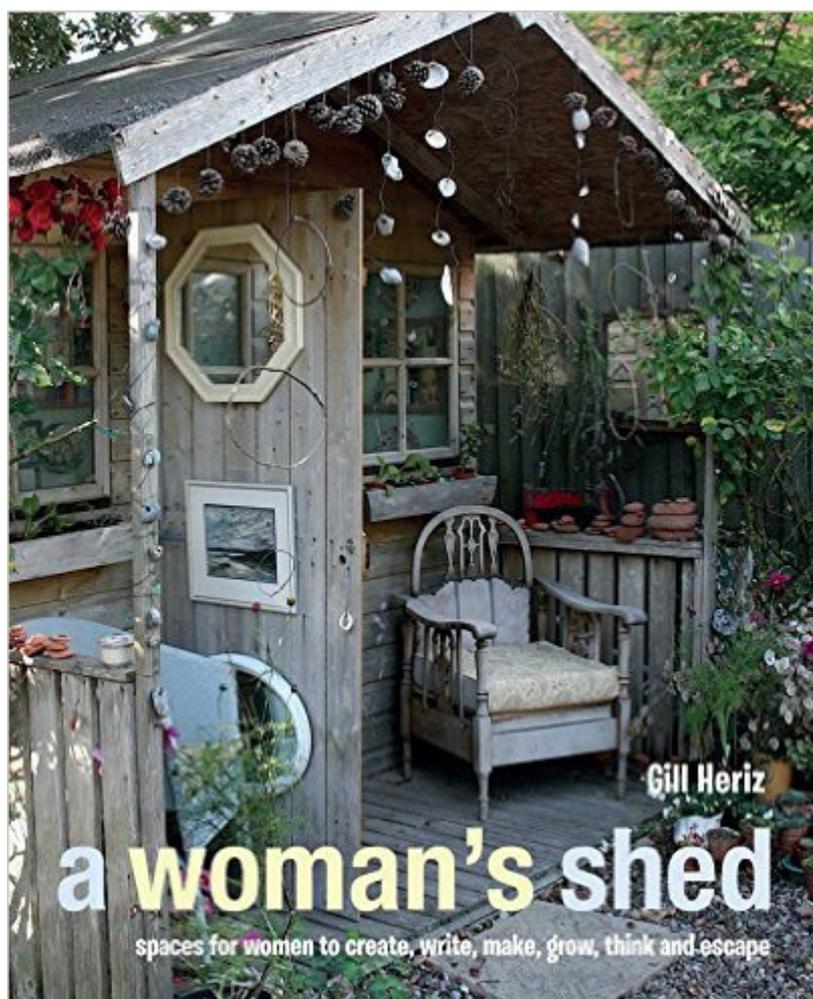


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# A Woman's Shed: Spaces For Women To Create, Write, Make, Grow, Think, And Escape



## Synopsis

Every woman deserves a shed of her own, somewhere to retreat to for some quiet time, to create or grow, to write or paint, or just to contemplate the view. Gill Heriz has interviewed over 70 different women, and Nicolette Hallett has photographed their sheds inside and out, to collect together this unique insight into why women have sheds, and what they do in them. There are sheds for puppet-makers, sculptors, and writers, as well as farmers, furniture-makers, and woodcutters. There are sheds that can be lived in, sheds that are full to the rafters, and sheds that are simply sheds, with the usual collection of gardening tools, lawnmowers, and seed packets. Virginia Woolf once argued that, for women, writing fiction required "a room of one's own." These women have taken that premise a step further "to the end of the backyard" to find their own very personal space.

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The author has taken a novel idea and turned it into a book that is fun to read and visually beautiful. Gill Heriz has her own shed and was curious about other women's sheds. She searched the Internet for "Women's sheds" and got sites for men's sheds or women's shoes. That's when she decided to make the book. She enlisted a brilliant photographer, Nicolette Hallett, to do the photos and set out to find women and their sheds. The descriptions of the sheds and their owners are interesting and varied and the photos are stunning. Art studios, writing hideaways, storage spaces and places to find some solitude are all represented. Many of the sheds reflect the owners creativity

and work, others are basically utilitarian but all are interesting. This would make a lovely gift for a woman with a shed.

I actually stumbled across this book in a local book store and it spoke to me, I am glad it did. The stories are interesting and personal and the photography is wonderful. This is about sheds but much more than this. It's about women having a place to go to to think, create, grieve, spend time with themselves and carving out the time through a space to do so. The "shed" in many aspects I think is symbolic of so much more, I will pick this up over and over again.

This book is really inspiring. I enjoyed seeing all the rustic detail in each shed and after viewing all the eye catching photos, I've returned to my backyard project of completing my "She Shed." Thanks to the writer and merchant of this beautiful book.

Love this book. I enjoy relaxing at night leafing through the pages, looking at the beautiful photos and reading the inspiring text. It's a visual treat, and truly inspiring.

The book had beautiful photos. Most of those shown were in England and a few from the northeast area of the US. I was looking for a more functional type of building so it did not meet my needs, but I am passing it on to my daughter-in-laws to enjoy.

So many ideas. I keep this book by the bed so I'll dream about those fantastic sheds.

The photographs in this book are a pleasure to look at. Meanwhile, the prose is in great need of editing. The author, who lives in the U.K., feels the need to put the word "yard" in parentheses each and every time she mentions the word "garden." Example: "Outside, where the steps lead down to the garden (yard), there are two doves perched on a branch." The first time this odd construction appears in the book, it is puzzling. The second time it is annoying. By the twenty-fifth time (yes, I counted) it makes you want to pull out your hair. Does Ms. Heriz truly believe that we Yanks are incapable of deciphering the word "garden?" Or that Brits will scratch their heads over the word "yard?" She also feels compelled to let us know that "trailer" means "caravan" (or, in one case "mobile home") and there are other, equally tiresome, examples of her "translations." All of this really downgraded the book for me. Also, I was disappointed to see that the book was printed in China, the land of oppression and trampling of human rights. Why do business with that country? I doubt

that any Chinese woman would be allowed to possess one of the quirky, arty, eclectic sheds shown in the book. Bottom line: borrow this book (as I did) but do not buy it. Enjoy the photos of the colorful sheds, but skip the inane commentary.

Very inspirational. Looking for a place to create a shed of my own!

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