



# THE GREEN KINGDOM

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# Dear Reader,

This is a very special book to me - born into this world from my passion for plants, it is a secret favourite amongst all the stories I have sown and nurtured into bloom.

When I think of my own childhood, the memories that come flooding back to me are all connected to the natural world: or as I've always called it: the Green Kingdom. Pretending to cook soup from grass seeds - sitting under an almond tree and getting showered with pink flowers or building myself a fortress in a meadow of wild flowers...

I always believed that my enchantment with the Green Kingdom was quite common but over the years I noticed that no one else had quite so many potted plants on their window sill, or spent their time talking to them when they looked unwell.

Being a storyteller, I decided to use my skills to spark my passion for plants in my readers. When I came across Tammi Hartung, an ethnobotanical herbalist from Colorado, I knew I had found my collaborator. I felt the same love and delight I had for plants in Tammi's work. So... I wrote a story and Tammi made sure that everything it says about plants is true. We worked on the list of plants together (quite a difficult task, as there are so many wonderful ones), discussed the characters I came up with, and started to create a world of sheer (green) delight and wonder.

I've heard from readers, booksellers and librarians across Germany just how the seeds of this story have taken hold, it's been amazing to see the story grow and flower. Now that DK are publishing *The Green Kingdom* I'm looking forward to seeing this book bloom spectacularly as it finds new readers.

I hope this beautiful edition will flower on many bookshelves and awaken the yearning in many hearts to solve the riddle of the Green Kingdom!

With very best wishes from Italy,

## Cornelia



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## BOOK PRESS

Materials needed:

- Large and heavy books
- Parchment or absorbent paper
- Fresh flowers

Steps:

- 1 - Sandwich your flowers between two sheets of parchment or absorbent paper.
- 2 - Place them in the middle of a book - the bigger the better! Close book and set a heavy object on top.
- 3 - Wait 2-4 weeks for the flowers to dry completely.



## IRON

Materials needed:

- An iron
- Parchment or absorbent paper
- Fresh flowers

Steps:

- 1 - Sandwich your flowers between two sheets of parchment or absorbent paper.
- 2 - Ask an adult for help for this step! Turn the steaming function off and set the iron to low heat. Iron the flowers by pressing down evenly for 15-30 seconds.
- 3 - Let the flowers cool down before repeating step 2 until they are nice and flat.

