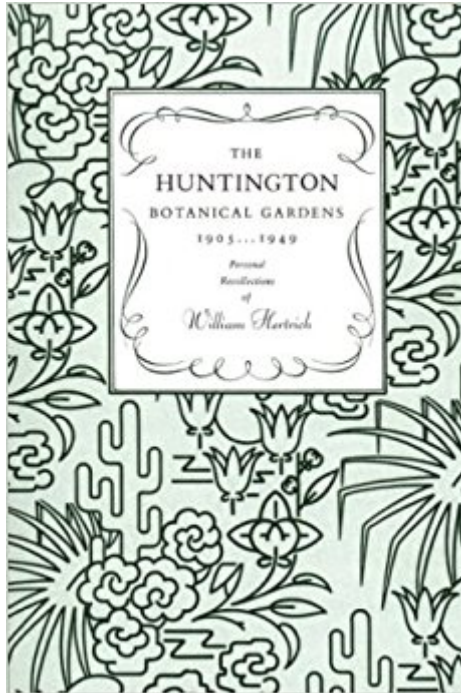


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# The Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1905-1949: Personal Recollections Of William Hertrich



## Synopsis

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For visitors to the Huntington Library and Botanic Gardens, this memoir gives a context to how the Huntington developed and changed from a rich man's very well managed farming venture into what it is today, a research institution, art collection, and pleasure garden. For gardeners, it's a fascinating look at how a large scale property evolves from farm to garden over time--surprisingly, in the same way a small home garden develops--through passionate love of plants and experimentation. For those interested in the development of Southern California, the memoir offers one individual's experience of the Los Angeles basin when it was still mostly a blank slate being first farmed, then developed as communities and cities. This book is really a memoir of a man's working life over several decades more than a detailed and comprehensive history. It is a personal, individual, human-scale look at a particular moment in Southern California.

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