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In Findhorn, they grow 40-pound cabbages, 8 foot delphiniums, and roses that bloom in the snow. What is the source of this spectacular success? Experts have concluded that there must be some vital unknown at work, some extraordinarily powerful Factor X. What is this X? And why has this garden of plants now become a garden of people who-like the plants-flourish and visibly glow? Now, Paul Hawken, who went as a skeptic, tells us why: "Findhorn may be a manifestation of light and power which could transform our planet within a lifetime."

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Roxanne says

I read this in the '70s...when I imagined being an earth mother and still I hope to find the way to tap into the secrets of growing HUGE vegetables and living better

Enoch Page says

A book about the confluence of land, humans and earth entities communing in a collaborative project to establish a healing community in a place where in the beginning had such perfect conditions that vegetables and fruit grew to immense sizes. Some will not believe this, but I do.

Robert Blakesley says

An audio-visual presentation in 1974 in Portland, Oregon, by Peter Caddy, founder of the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland, followed by an avid read of this and three related books, sparked curiosity in me that was so strong that I couldn't not go there. Going there totally changed my life, and gave me life-long hope for a future for my kids and our troubled planet. The other three books are: "Revelation, the Birth of a New Age", "The Findhorn Garden", and "God Spoke to Me".

Sherry says

This book changed my life. It made me believe the Kingdom on earth just might be possible.

Denise says

I read this book not long after it came out in the mid-seventies. I was a teenager and searching for answers and "The Magic of Findhorn" was an eye opening story for me. I'd never been exposed to the idea of being closer to the earth and its resources and the idea of growing HUGE vegetables and being self-sustaining fueled my desires to be part of a community of people who care for the planet and its inhabitants, even the non-human ones. I never did join such a community, unless one considers the human race to be such and that's questionable, but I've not forgotten this book. It's still on my top 10 favorites list.

Kutjupa Karyn says

Changed my life. I think a lot about what I read in this book and my life reflects what I learned.

James Mecklenberg says

Magical book! Even though it was written in 1975 it's still just as relevant today.

This is a 'must book' for those wishing to delve deeper in their spiritual connection to the land and nature realms. Its a biography about the founders of Findhorn and talks about their experiences, methods and the people Findhorn has attracted.

I find the conversations with the nature spirits fascinating and refreshing. It heralds a new approach to interacting with the planet and other realms. We certainly need it. I loved this book about Findhorn - I'm now looking for other books on the same subject.

Lissa Notreallywolf says

This was written by a journalist who went to investigate Findhorn. The language is charmingly dated, and I enjoyed the 60's woo woo line drawn illustrations, sort of a cosmic coloring book in miniature. I like this book as something to read before going to bed when I am stress, largely because it is uplifting.

Andrew says

This is one of those books that seem to have been around forever and yet you never get round to reading it. My sister lent me this one and it's just brilliant - how they grew cabbages the size of beachballs up in the windswept Scottish highlands - no soil, just sand. I have to presume it's true - but it's a story of where mankind is going wrong and how if we connect back with the diety and the spirits, we can change the course we are on. The book gives us an insight into the personalities that set up and ran Findhorn and how they connected up God. The book was set in the early '70's so I must find out what happened to the Findhorn community.

However, given our current troubles with climate change etc, this book is still just as relevant today as it was back then.

Paul Brooks says

a magical ride into the world of mystical experiences and life beyond logic. well written from the point of view of the open-minded skeptic

Guy says

I read this when I was very young — fifteen or so. I am not sure if it would hold up to a five star rating if I were to re-read it today, but at the time it opened up my mind to the possibility that the limits that science puts on to life are arbitrary. This book freed my mind enough, at a young enough age, to be able to question

accepted truths. Even now, I have the power to question the truth of Findhorn. However, a memorable part of my childhood experience was a day long workshop with one of the people who was there as the Magic of Findhorn was being discovered and expanded. She discussed her experience with rats and the Spirit of Rats (diva), which was interesting. There is far more to life than meets the eye, and the views of science, religion, political-economy, psychology, or whatever, are merely the tiniest of fleas meandering around an elephant bigger than the galaxy, and claiming that the hair they've discovered is the singular truth of existence. An invaluable read.

Joyce says

Great learning the backstory to Findhorn. I'll be slowing down abit to take in more whispers from the garden. I planted a bunch today.

Thomas Cotterill says

The Magic of Findhorn is a magical book. I first read it when it came out in paperback more years ago than I care to remember. For more than a decade, I reread it now and then to savour Hawken's sweet distillation of the spirit of the time. Those were the heady days of pot-smoking hippies and smiling flower children and idealistic communes. Findhorn added fairies and giant cabbages and bushes that got out of the way when you wanted to make a path through them. It was wonderful to imagine that I might run off and join the small band of romantics building a new kind of community on what was once a garbage dump. I never did, of course. Sometimes I think I missed a great chance. Findhorn still exists, although it is now a foundation and calls itself a "New Age" community. Naturally, there is a website.

Hawken visited Findhorn in its early days and stayed in one of the small caravans reserved for visitors. (Caravans housed most of the community at that time.) His perceptive portraits of those who lived there, and a few more who were regular visitors, are a real treat. He shared in the daily round of activities and lived the free life that had brought such an odd assortment of individuals together. He talked about the strange beliefs in "power points" – there is one very near the community, atop a grassy hill – and fairies and Pan and vegetables that miraculously grew to immense size and many other things more related to The Lord of the Rings or children's fairy books than reality. Anything and everything was accepted. Everything was spiritual. It was the dawn of inclusivity.

If you love the natural world, long for a sense of enchantment, or feel the need to belong to a special kind of community, The Magic of Findhorn will satisfy on all counts. The book is currently out of print, but abundantly available on second-hand websites where copies of the paperback can be had for as little as a dollar. If you are at all interested in the mystical aspects of life on planet Earth, do not miss the chance to read this book. It really is something special.

Lizz Smith says

I stand by my original impressions that Peter Caddy is probably a bit of an arsehole.

I started reading this book to satisfy my partner and his mystic leanings. So, I was a bit skeptical to say the least, but I was hoping for some sort of useful discussion on gardening (I like digging in the garden and making things grow). I also wanted the author to directly address claims regarding the size of the cabbages produced at Findhorn. Neither of these things happened.

I guess this is a book about some 60s alternate lifestylers who through an altered state of consciousness believed that they had contact with an assortment of non human intelligent beings and planted a garden that they claimed to be very successful. If that's what you want to read, go ahead.

Apparently you can still visit Findhorn. Maybe if I went there and saw that they are indeed producing monster cabbages in sand and abundant all year round on the sides of a wind-blasted dune, then I might be open to the suggestion that there was something "other" going on here. In reality, though, if you heap good compost on top of sand for about 50 years, then it won't be sand anymore. If you plant trees to create microclimates, it won't be a wind-blasted dune any more. So visiting Findhorn today would prove nothing.

Connie Kronlokken says

Because of his own skepticism, Paul Hawken is a good person to introduce Findhorn and the synergies it develops. The garden is still a focus, but they are trying to model a new awareness, a new wholeness in which form is not separate from consciousness, matter is not separate from spirit, the body is not separate from the soul. No one wins out over the others and everyone gains. This depends on deep inner reflection and the embodiment of the higher laws which have been given down through the ages.
