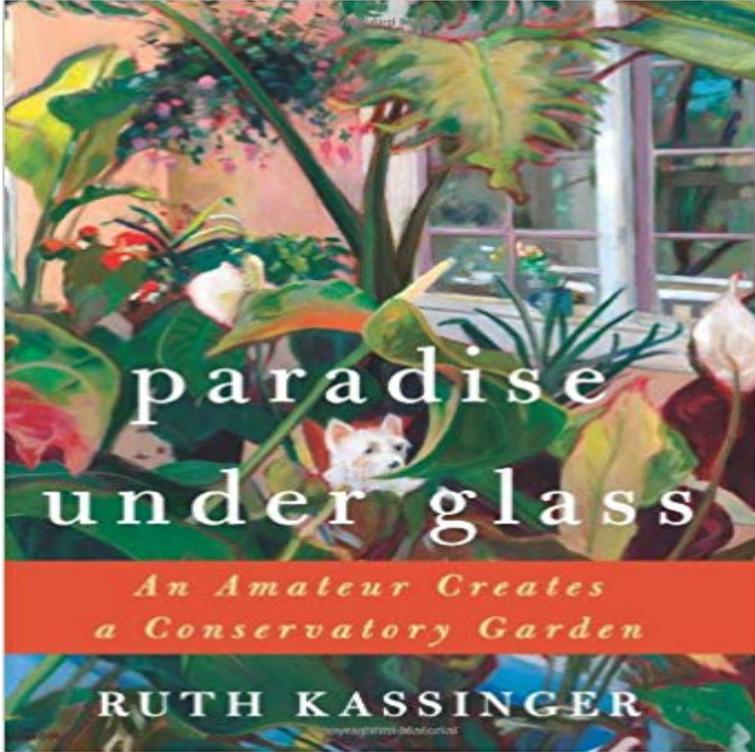


## Paradise Under Glass: An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden



Like many baby boomers in middle age, Ruth Kassinger was at an emotional crossroads. Confronted with the death of a beloved sister, her children's departure for college, and her own recent battle with breast cancer, she was searching for a way forward. One cold, gray evening, flooded with thoughts of change and loss, she wandered into the U.S. Botanic Gardens conservatory and a dream was born. Dazzled by the vast and dense tangle of greenery, she began a quest to create a verdant sanctuary of her own at her home in suburban Washington, D.C. Yet all she knew of indoor gardening was a lone, neglected houseplant at the top of her basement stairs. *Paradise Under Glass* chronicles her journey from brown thumb to green project that takes her across the country. Along the way she meets commercial growers with acres under glass in Florida, a clivia hybridizer whose Delaware home is filled with thousands of specimens, a beneficial bug grower in California, entrepreneurs in Ohio who have a veritable Noah's Ark of rare tropics, and many others who share their enthusiasms and knowledge. Kassinger takes us step-by-step from the construction of her conservatory through her efforts to identify the easiest to grow, most beautiful houseplants. She combats pests, raises Monarch butterflies, and harvests kumquats and coffee beans. Her Garden of Eden is complete with a pint-sized pool and a living wall she invents. Kassinger's journey to create her own tropical refuge is also a lively narrative tour of the glasshouses of the past, including Renaissance orangeries, the whimsical follies of Georgian England, the legendary Crystal Palace, and secluded Victorian ferneries. Throughout, she shares the knowledge and insights that creating and sustaining her garden has bestowed, lessons of loss and letting go, nurturing and rebirth, challenge and change, love and

serenity. Paradise Under Glass is the remarkable story of the fruition of a dream that is sure to inspire the gardener in us all.

Bethanne Patrick talks with Ruth Kassinger about her book, Paradise Under Glass: An Amateur Amateur gardener nurtures a conservatory garden in Paradise Under Glass. Its a cold winter day and Ruth Kassinger is eating fresh kumquats How Does Her Garden Grow? Paradise Under Glass - By Ruth Kassinger MAY 16, 2010 An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden.Paradise Under Glass An Amateur Creates A Conservatory Garden 2010. by Allan 4.1. Facebook Twitter Google Digg Reddit LinkedIn Pinterest StumbleUponParadise Under Glass: An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden [Ruth Kassinger] on . \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. Paradise Under Glass is a witty and absorbing memoir about one womans unlikely desire to build, stock, and tend a small conservatory in herRuth Kassinger (Paradise Under Glass: An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden, HarperCollins) tells her unlikely story of becoming a conservatoryPARADISE UNDER GLASS AN AMATEUR CREATES A CONSERVATORY GARDEN title 2449ec violence in islamic thought from the quran to the authorParadise Under Glass is a witty and absorbing memoir about one womans unlikely desire to build, stock, and tend a small conservatory in her suburbanparadise under glass an amateur creates a conservatory garden ruth kassinger on amazoncom free shipping on qualifying offers margin 0in 0in 0pt paradiseTrove: Find and get Australian resources. Books, images, historic newspapers, maps, archives and more.Paradise Under Glass: An Amateur Creates A Conservatory Garden 2010. by Michael 4.4. Facebook Twitter Google Digg Reddit LinkedIn Pinterest: Paradise Under Glass: An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden (9780061547744) by Ruth Kassinger and a great selection of similar New,Paradise Under Glass is a witty and absorbing memoir about one womans unlikely desire to build, stock, and An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden.Download Paradise Under Glass: An Amateur Creates A Conservatory Garden 2010. by Adalbert 4.2. Facebook Twitter Google Digg Reddit LinkedIn Pinterest