
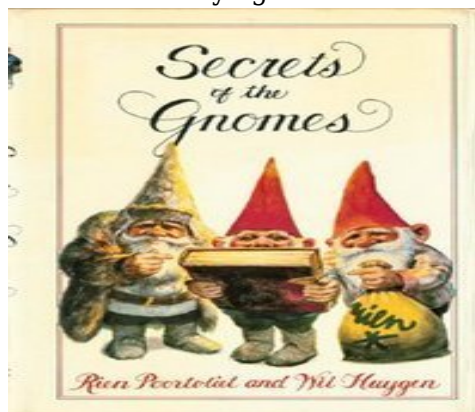


Secrets of the Gnomes By Rien Poortvliet Stop milieuvervuiling en natuurvernietiging en ga leven op een duurzame manier! De menselijk levenswijze waarbij veel grondstoffen en energie wordt verspild moet zo snel mogelijk worden ingeruild voor een milieubewuste wereldsamenleving. The reason I only gave it 4 stars and not 5 is that some of the art shows nudity which makes it questionable for little kids though the story would be loved by them otherwise. De waarschuwing is wat naïef (en natuurlijk gedateerd)— er is geen gehoor gegeven aan de onontbeerlijke 'oproep' en nimmer zal dit gebeuren— desalniettemin is dit boek vol prachtige prenten een fijne toevlucht en bron van inspiratie en.

Rien Poortvliet and Wil Huygen collaborating once again as they did so successfully in Abrams' best-selling GNOMES now reveal to thousands of eager readers their recent encounters in the mysterious world of those tiny folk. Poortvliet and Huygen are not invited as mere observers however for after a meal of mushrooms and cream-tasting as if were made of everything that light air sun moon and earth could produce-they find that they have been turned into gnomes themselves! The authors take a penetrating look at their subjects: they learn of the tender emotional life of a gnome; they see and diagram the mechanics of the ingenious gnome technology; they observe how gnomes administer justice in the wild; they are told how fairy tales first began (Little Red Riding Hood was actually a gnome). Endowed with gnome characteristics (which include exceptional vision and heightened senses of touch smell taste and hearing) complete with peaked gnome caps Poortvliet and Huygen are led from Lapland across the Siberian wilderness by Nicholas their gruff by kindly guide who teaches them the secrets of survival in the icy north. Because of the gnomes' rapport with living creatures the three travel in a troika pulled by lemmings they are borne on a fox's back and on the head of a moose-they are even carried by the abominable snowman! Lovers of gnomes will celebrate the arrival of this new volume and will delight in the opportunity to know these elusive creatures better. I was very scared by the very realistic drawings of the trolls but the interesting things: how gnomes live what they do how they dress differences between gnomes in different parts of the world made that less. Inbetween little folktales and self-made-up stories about the fey folk the authors pop in some general knowledge stuff like for instance botany biology and geology and little projects of things the gnomes make to try out yourself (especially if you're a children) with snippets of knowledge about all kinds of things some as far afield as the Egyptian pyramids and a nice lesson on useful knots. Paquita Maria has the copy that I accidentally chose to review thinking it was the same as the 28 volume set but apparently the single hardcover volume featured here doesn't contain a lot of the features that would appeal to kids that are contained in the 28 volume set reviewed above. Letto ormai parecchi anni fa me lo ricordo comunque come una lettura piacevolissima:  l'avventura di due uomini tramutati in gnomi che studiano da vicino le abitudini i costumi e gli strumenti di questo curioso popolo compilando una sorta di vademecum. It reads like a nature journal/ diary of events and is about two human men who are able to enter the world of the gnomes and some magic allows them to become gnomes themselves for a period of time so they can observe gnomes in their natural habitat and bring information back to humanity, Rien Poortvliet A wonderful book for anyone interested in Gnomes and how they work. SECRETS OF THE GNOMES is the fascinating account of a long arduous journey undertaken by the authors at the request of the gnomes: It is overflowing with the authors' on-the-scene sketches and firsthand observations. And best of all they are allowed to see parts of the magical Secret Book: Scores of enchanting illustrations by Dutch artist Rien Poortvliet record the comings and goings of gnomes and the loving interaction with nature for which they are so famous, Secrets of the Gnomes Again I loved the drawings in this book: The text too but to me that was not the most important, At the time that I read it this book opened new worlds to me not only the gnome world but also worlds as in other countries, And after reading it many times I already knew when the trolls would be next so I could skip the pages, Rien Poortvliet These little gnomes are quite similar to British gnomes and brownies however they are more industrious and helpful: These are excellent books for children; (and definitely the kind you'd keep into adulthood,) So some useful and interesting stuff in there even if

you aren't a children. EDIT: It has just been brought to my attention that what I have is part of the original 28 volume set that was published in the 1980's: These volumes have been republished (possibly with some of the material excluded) in one large edition *The Complete Gnomes*, Paquita Maria Sanchez wrote a cool beautifully illustrated review on these interesting li'l creatures:<https://www>. I won't remove this review since there are already comments made in the thread below but please take note that these are not exactly the same books: Rien Poortvliet Always wanted to read this book but growing up it was too expensive. Great drawings and I hope I find another book of Rien Poortvliet soon: Rien Poortvliet *E' ormai perso in qualche meandro di casa dei miei in attesa di tornare alla luce quando meno lo si aspetta, Il finale forse un po' troppo moraleggiante ma ci si puo' passare sopra. Molto belle le immagini un libro consigliato (da leggere magari sotto Natale periodo in cui si svolge la vicenda)*, Rien Poortvliet A sequel to their best-selling "Gnomes" this beautifully illustrated book describes the adventures of the authors in studying gnomes, Magically after a meal of mushrooms the authors become gnomes themselves which makes their observations even more fun, The detail in the illustrations are remarkable and will engage readers of every age. Rien Poortvliet



Ofschoon het boek voor kinderen lijkt te zijn bedoeld komt ook bij volwassenen de boodschap over die kabouters voor de mensheid hebben: Dat is feitelijk de opdracht die de beide samenstellers van het boek van de kabouters meekrijgen ondanks de ellendige realiteit ook motivatie, Rien Poortvliet This book was terrible and definitely not meant for children: It can't hold a candle to *Gnomes* and hasn't got the charm of *Gnomes* either: In the book both authors go on a journey all over the place meeting a few different people and different animals. They even stay with a family and the men offer to let the men sleep with their wives! Here's a photo of Wil in bed with one of them: There are many topless female gnomes including one where you can see a bit of pubic hair. The illustrations are the best thing about it although some of them are really creepy, It makes you feel like its perfectly reasonable to believe gnomes are nearby living their lives because its all explained so scientifically: Questions about how they could possibly survive are answered so well, I was disappointed that it was all dude gnomes and the lady gnomes were mentioned in passing as housewives and nurses. I don't mind that that was their designated role but they had no personality development in the story. In a magical world like this we don't get to know any of the personalities of the women gnomes? I just think that part was boring: Otherwise its a fun book to read and its set in the Arctic which I am always fond of[1]

De serieus bedoelde Oproep dus vanuit de kabouterwereld. De toekomst van leven op aarde staat op het spel. The book is worth reading for the art alone. The pictures are absolutely beautiful. Rien Poortvliet Heerlijk boek op deze grauwe winterdag. (Yes as in knots that you tie in a rope.All of it demonstrated with cute and appealing illustrations.[goodreads.com/review/show](https://www.goodreads.com/review/show).The cuteness and the 5 star rating still applies nevertheless. Until I found it in the thriftstore. Loved the story learned a lot. There's illustrations of gnomes from other countries. WTF?See my review for the prequel to this *Gnomes* here. Rien Poortvliet This book is really cool in many ways. This is the second book and I never read the first. I don't think you need to but I probably will. They were giggly and sexual objects and that was it. I just think it shows lack of imagination. Plus foxes. I want a book about lady

gnomes! Rien Poortvliet.