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for a very enjoyable read.

Blue Heaven: Encounters with the Blue Poppy tells the story of the enchanting Himalayan Blue Poppy. It begins in 1924 in Tibet, where the renowned plant explorer Frank Kingdon-Ward came upon "a stream of blue poppies, dazzling as sapphires in the pale light." Soon the blue poppy was introduced to cultivation and proved challenging, stubborn, even believed to be impossible to grow. In Blue Heaven, Bill Terry a leading North American authority on Asiatic poppies debunks this myth, relating his own encounters with the blue poppy and showing how, given a suitable climate, a patient and persistent gardener can raise this most alluring of perennial plants. Gorgeous photographs accompany the text throughout, leading to a visually stunning collection of images and stories, illuminating this rare and precious flower.

About the Author Bill Terry is a retired CBC executive. He is the author of Blue Heaven: Encounters with the Blue Poppy and Beyond Beauty: Hunting the Wild Blue Poppy. His calendar, Poppies from the Roof of the World, also features this rare and beautiful plant. Since 1994, he has lived on BC's Sunshine Coast with his wife, pursuing a lifelong ambition to create the perfect garden. His collection of Asiatic Poppies is the most diverse in North America. Born in Toronto, Rosemary Bates spent much of her life working as a print journalist in Winnipeg and Toronto. She later became a producer at the CBC of current affairs and arts programs, including The Arts Report and The Arts Tonight. As co-author of Beauty by Design she joins her husband, Bill Terry, in writing the stories of passionate gardeners.