

Lily the Tiller: Captivating and uplifting new novel highlights the healing power of community.

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Deborah McKinlay's new novel, *Lily the Tiller*, is a whimsical tale about a West Country English lass with a self-taught talent for horticulture. The eponymous Lily scours the countryside looking for temporary gardening work and we meet her as she pitches up at Motthoe – a dilapidated, but once grand, country estate. Lily proceeds to work her quirky brand of magic on a patch of Motthoe's grounds and all of its inhabitants' hearts, not least that of reluctant owner, 'Dreamer Harry'.

Written in a lyrical style, *Lily the Tiller* is a feel-good story with a delightful setting, passages of pure comedy and plenty of pretty plant talk, but the ominous undertones of Lily's bleak past add a weightier element and, in the end, the reader is as engaged in her flight to freedom as she is. This is a book that is rich in humanity by an accomplished author and it delights from its very first page.

About the Author:

Deborah McKinlay is an experienced magazine contributor and the author of two previous novels: 'The View From Here' and 'That Part Was True'. She writes full-time from her home in the West Country.

Praise for the author's previous works includes:

"Almost every page offers delicious, offbeat descriptions." *New York Times*

"A book of sweet, studied passion." *ForeWord*

"McKinlay's hand is sure around the restless rich." *Publishers Weekly*

"Completely charmed by this gentle, thoroughly engaging debut." *Woman and Home*.

"A gorgeous escapist read." *New Books Magazine*

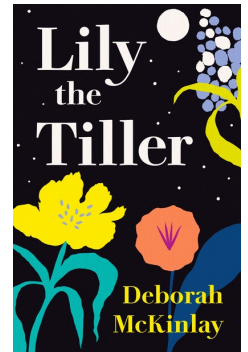
"A delicate romance, beautifully achieved." *Daily Mail*

"I was reluctant to tear myself away." *Stylist Magazine*

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