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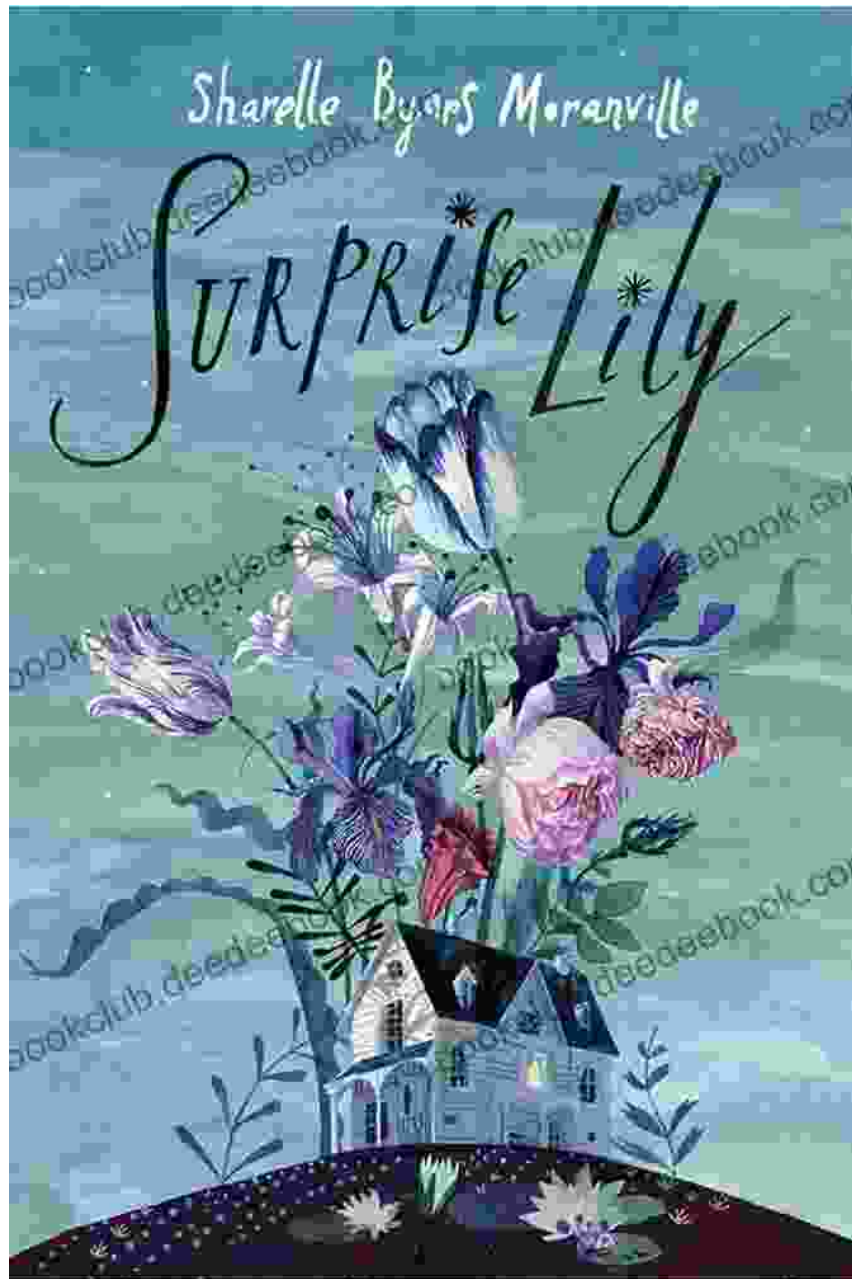
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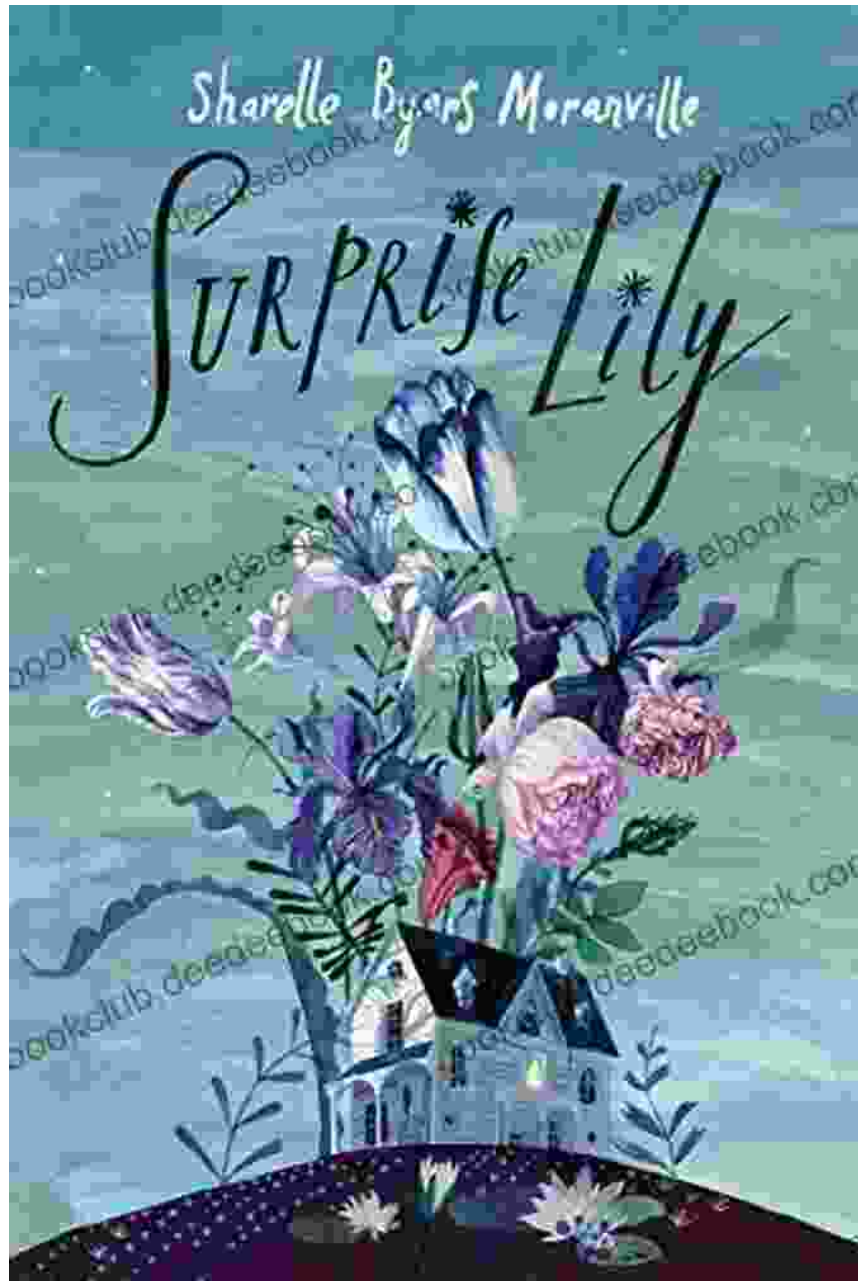
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A Serendipitous Discovery

The captivating Surprise Lily, aptly named Sharelle Byars Moranville, emerged as a serendipitous discovery in 1999. This trumpet lily was discovered in a backyard garden in Oregon, USA, by gardening enthusiast Ken Jordan. Intrigued by its exceptional beauty and distinctive features, Jordan propagated the lily and introduced it to the horticultural world.



Botanical Attributes

Sharelle Byars Moranville belongs to the *Lilium* genus and is classified as a trumpet lily. It is a herbaceous perennial that typically grows to a height of 3-4 feet. Its foliage consists of narrow, strap-like leaves that form a dense clump at the base of the plant.

The true magic of this lily lies in its extraordinary flowers. Each stem proudly displays multiple blooms, each adorned with a unique trumpet-shaped corolla. The flowers are an alluring shade of orange, often with a yellow or pink undertone. The frilly edges of the petals add a touch of delicate elegance, creating a captivating spectacle.

Blooming Season and Fragrance

Sharelle Byars Moranville typically blooms from mid to late summer, adding a splash of color and fragrance to gardens during the warmest months. The flowers exude a sweet, intoxicating scent that attracts butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, adding to the overall charm of this lily.



Care and Cultivation

Growing Sharelle Byars Moranville is relatively easy, making it a popular choice for gardeners of all levels. It thrives in well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter. The plant prefers full sun to partial shade and requires regular watering, especially during hot, dry periods.

To encourage vigorous growth and abundant blooms, fertilize the lily regularly throughout the growing season. Deadheading spent flowers will also promote continued blooming and prevent the plant from wasting energy on seed production.



Bulb Propagation

Sharelle Byars Moranville can be propagated through bulb division. In autumn, after the foliage has died back, carefully dig up the bulbs and divide them into smaller clumps. Plant the individual bulbs in well-drained soil, spacing them about 6 inches apart and covering them with 2-3 inches

of soil. Water the newly planted bulbs deeply and keep them moist until new growth appears in spring.

Landscape Applications

This versatile lily is a welcome addition to various garden settings. Its vibrant blooms and sweet fragrance make it an excellent choice for borders, beds, and containers. Sharelle Byars Moranville can also be naturalized in meadows or woodlands, where it will add a touch of elegance to the natural landscape.

The Surprise Lily, Sharelle Byars Moranville, is a horticultural masterpiece that captivates with its beauty and ease of cultivation. Its distinctive trumpet-shaped flowers, irresistible fragrance, and versatility make it a must-have for any garden enthusiast. Whether planted in a formal setting or allowed to bloom freely in a natural space, this lily is sure to bring joy and wonder to all who encounter it.



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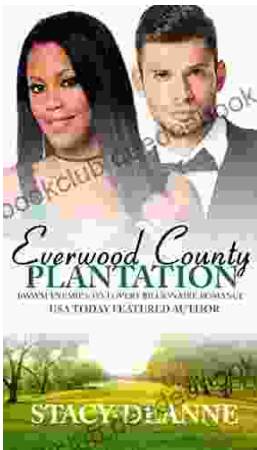
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