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| **Princess Gardener, The**  Michael Strelow  The Princess Gardener is the story of a young girl who is a princess by accident of birth. Her passion lies outside the castle, tending the gardens. But castle duties call more and more often, and her parents insist she learn what she calls "the princess business." Reluctantly, she curtseys and bows and smiles her way through the empty rituals of the kingdom, but every day she longs for the smell of the earth. A chance encounter causes the princess to switch lives with a young farm girl, who is her exact likeness. When people begin to fall ill, the girls learn that the source of the sickness is covered-up pollution in the water supply. Will they discover their true capabilities and save the kingdom, or are the girls' lives about to become very complicated?  **Author Bio** Michael Strelow has a Ph.D in Literature, and has published poetry, short stories, and non-fiction essays in literary and commercial magazines. He hosts creative writing workshops in universities and writing groups, and his 2005 novel The Greening of Ben Brown was a FINALIST for the Ken Kesey Novel Award. Michael lives in Salem, Oregon, USA. Online: [Facebook](http://www.facebook/michaelstrelow), [Author Website](http://michaelstrelow.wordpress.com), [Blog](http://michaelstrelow.com), [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/#!/green@willamette)  **Previous Titles** Some Assembly Required (9781785356278) Roundfire, 2017. The Greening of Ben Brown (9780971691582), (2005 finalist for the Ken Kesey Novel Award), Hawthorne Books, 2005.  **Endorsements** *PRAISE FOR MICHAEL STRELOW'S 'SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED': ...this novel illuminates the beautiful and mysterious transformation that occurs when we listen carefully to the world.* ***Scott Nadelson, author of Between You and Me***  **Promotional Plans** Author is practised at publicizing his books, and will hold readings/signings of this new book at bookstores, libraries and schools. Interviews for magazines and radio. Speaking engagements at book festivals, particularly in north west US, Washington and Oregon, where he is a local author. Author teaches creative writing and attends teaching fairs which present wide opportunities for selling books. Social media promotion, crossed with JHP children's fiction social platforms.  **USP** Two young girls from different backgrounds swap lives, and, each using their newfound self-confidence, help save their kingdom from the threat of pollution sickness. A tale of strong, young female protagonists saving the day where warmongers, priests and kings all fail.  **Competing Books** The Secret Lake 9780956932303, by Karen Inglis Well Said Press, 2011  **Categories** JUVENILE FICTION (General)(JUV034000) -> Royalty(JUV034000) JUVENILE FICTION (General)(JUV014000) -> Girls & Women(JUV014000) JUVENILE FICTION (General)(JUV039220) -> Social Themes (General)(JUV039220) -> Values & Virtues(JUV039220) |  | **Publication Date** April 2018  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-674-2 $10.95  |  £6.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 96PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-675-9 $6.99  |  £3.99  **Library of Congress** 2017937406 |
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