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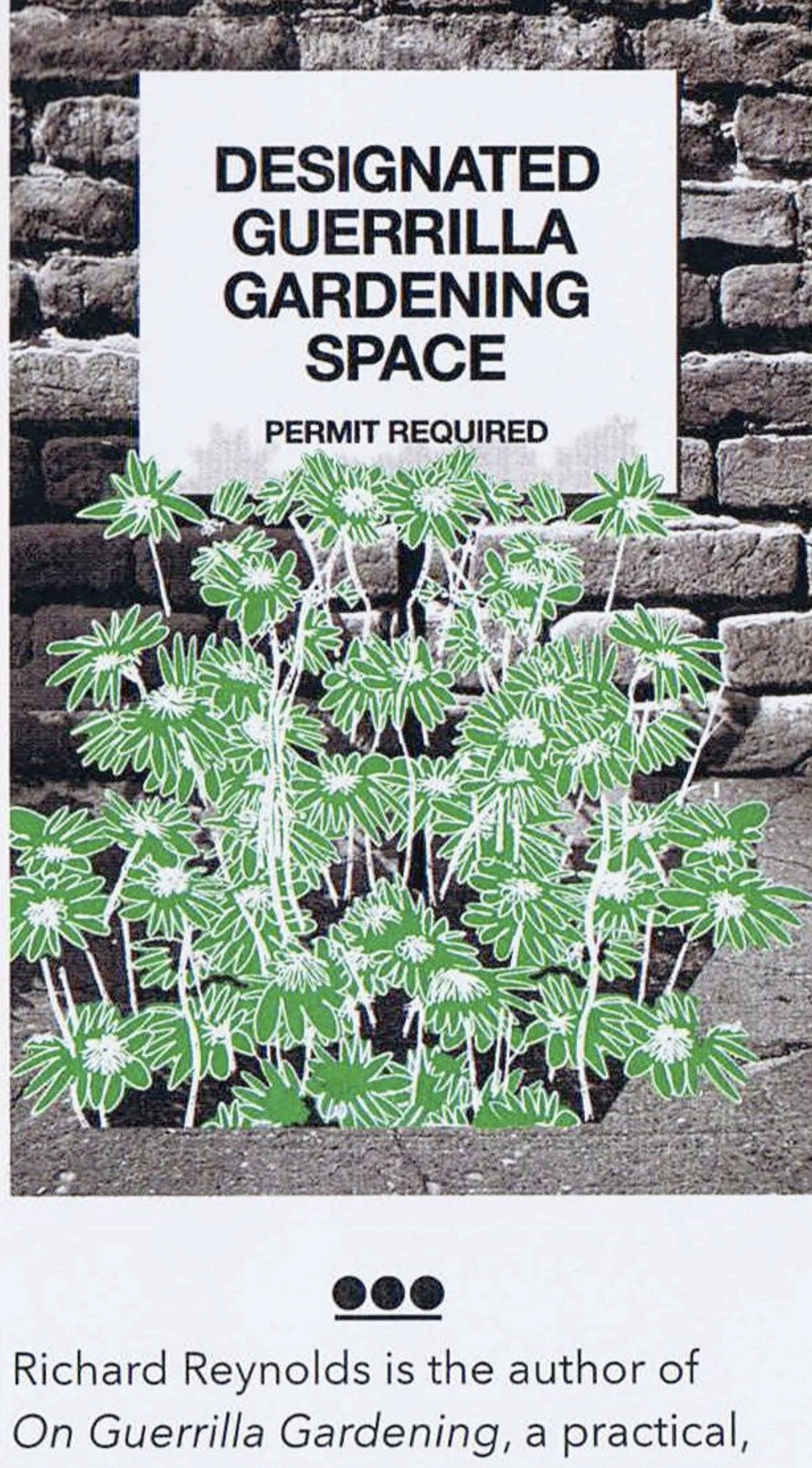
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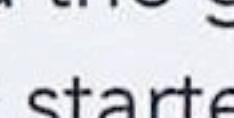


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Richard Reynolds is the author of *On Guerrilla Gardening*, a practical, tip-filled guide chronicling the history of and modern motives behind the "illicit cultivation of other people's land." He speaks to aspiring green thumbs around the globe about how to get gardens started.

"The Internet has turned what was once a very disparate activity into a movement, and I urge people to utilize all the available online tools to document their gardening projects. It's also important to engage your community in good old-fashioned conversation, which, in this case, begins with direct actions rather than just words. These different forms of propaganda help to raise awareness, encourage more people to join in, and show landowners and communities what can be achieved on neglected land."

"There's a group in the UK called Incredible Edible Todmorden that focuses on growing local food, and their mission is to make their town self-sufficient by 2018. Though their efforts began as a form of guerrilla gardening, the group effectively convinced the local authorities that they were full of great ideas, passion, and determination, and now they have full civic support. The ultimate goal is to get more people involved; I don't believe that it has to be a constant battle." ■■■