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#### About the Author

CHARLES ELLIOTT is always ready to depart for the Old West in search of a lost mine. He has written *The Potting-Shed Papers* (page 175), *The Transplanted Gardener* (page 176), and *The Gap in the Hedge* (page 173). He has also edited *The Quotable Gardener* (page 137) and *The Greatest Cat Stories Ever Told* (page 146).

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