The Water-Efficient Gardener  
How to Plan, Landscape and Grow in Very Wet, Very Dry, or Changeable Weather  
Angela Youngman

Summary
Unlike most gardening books, this book deals with both floods and droughts, making it perfect for people who have to cope with a multitude of conditions throughout the year.

For some gardeners, every drop of water is precious, while others could do with a little less. There are even a surprising number of people whose gardens vary from very wet to very dry throughout the year. *The Water-Efficient Gardener* is an invaluable book for anyone who wants to be a water-wise gardener, whether because of weather conditions or because they are environmentally conscious. Broken down into simple sections for easy navigation, this book will take you through water conservation and why it is important, mulching and soil preparation, ways of reducing water usage around the garden, landscaping and garden design, planning for dry conditions, planting with floods in mind, limiting water damage, and choosing the right plants. This book is a must-read for gardeners in any climate and will help you to get your garden to flourish while managing your water usage.

Contributor Bio
*Angela Youngman* is a journalist and gardener. She is the author of *Green Roofs*.

Beth Chatto's Shade Garden  
Shade-Loving Plants for Year-Round Interest  
Beth Chatto, Steven Wooster

Summary
In this book, legendary plantswoman Beth Chatto reveals how the problem of shade in a garden can be turned to advantage. She tells how she transformed a derelict site into a woodland garden that is tranquil and serene yet full of life and interest in every season. She describes, too, a wealth of plants that will thrive in shady beds and borders and on walls.

Contributor Bio
*Beth Chatto* is the author of gardening classics including *Beth Chatto’s Gravel Garden*, *The Damp Garden*, *The Dry Garden*, and *The Green Tapestry*. She was created OBE in 2002 and also holds the Royal Horticultural Society’s Victoria Medal of Honour.
You Should Have Been Here Last Week
Sharp Cuttings from a Garden Writer
Tim Richardson

Summary
A career spent traveling the world looking at gardens, and meeting their sometimes eccentric custodians, has resulted in a fund of unlikely experiences and encounters. There was, for example, that alligator-infested American garden, or the time our hero set up his tent in the woods at Great Dixter in a thunderstorm, only to find he was not where he thought he was. On a more serious note, the book contains some of Tim Richardson’s most influential and provocative columns as well as articles and essays on specific gardens, places, and landscape themes.

Contributor Bio
Tim Richardson is a garden columnist in the Daily Telegraph and the author of many books, including Great Gardens of America and New English Garden. He is a trustee of the Garden History Society, sits on the National Trust’s gardens advisory panel, wrote Oxford University’s first garden history course, and is a passionate advocate of fringe gardening. He is the founder-director of the Chelsea Fringe Festival.

Moon Gardening
Ancient and Natural Ways to Grow Healthier, Tastier Food
John Harris, Jim Rickards

Summary
What gardener wouldn’t want to increase their crop yield and grow healthier, better tasting food, while reducing work and forking out less on fertilizer? This seemingly impossible win-win is achieved by planting and reaping in tune with the phases of the moon. Lunar gardening has been around for as long we have pulled food from the soil. It was practiced by the Incas and the Native Americans, and is still followed by the Maoris and rural communities in Eastern Europe—because it works. But with the mass adoption of fertilizers achieving quicker results for a need-it-now-generation, these techniques had been all but forgotten by the modern gardener. Head gardener at Cornwall’s famous Tresillian Estate, John Harris, has researched, studied, and put in to practice the principles of gardening by the phases of the moon for more than 40 years. The results he's achieved are nothing short of astonishing. He has never watered his garden, he only grows organically, and yet he's won numerous show awards and prizes for the size, abundance, and taste of his produce. Here he shows you how you can d...

Contributor Bio
John Harris is head gardener at Tresillian House. Jim Rickards is the author of Out of Russia and a former editor for HarperCollins and BBC.
The Garden Awakening
Designs to nurture our land and ourselves
Mary Reynolds

Summary
An award-winning garden designer's unique union of a practical how-to book with stories and philosophy

The Garden Awakening is a step-by-step manual to creating a garden in harmony with the life force in the earth, addressing not only what the people in charge of the land want but also asking what the land wants to become. Mary Reynolds demonstrates how to create a groundbreaking garden that is not simply a solitary space but an expanding, living, interconnected ecosystem. Drawing on old Irish ways and methods of working with the land, this beautiful book is both art and inspiration for any garden lover seeking to create a positive, natural space.

Contributor Bio
Mary Reynolds is an award-winning garden designer who won the gold medal for garden design at Chelsea Flower Show. She writes and broadcasts about garden design, and designs gardens that embrace the wild beauty of nature.

Woburn Abbey
The Park & Gardens
Keir Davidson

Summary
Drawing on the enormous quantity of material available in the Woburn Archives, as well as the historic images and details preserved in the art in the Abbey itself, this book describes how the park and gardens developed, following wider trends in landscaping as well as the individual tastes of the successive dukes and duchesses. It also places the significant developments in the park and gardens in the context of the other gardens built at the time. Almost all of the important figures in English landscaping—from Isaac de Caus to George London and Henry Wise, Charles Bridgeman, and Humphry Repton—worked for the Bedford family at one time or another. In our own time, a 10-year program of restoration of Repton's Pleasure Gardens initiated by the present Duchess is under way. When this is finished, in 2018, the result will be the most complete Repton pleasure grounds anywhere in the world. In this book Keir Davidson weaves specific and wider themes together in a way that brings the whole enthralling story to life, engaging the reader with historic gardens that are not simply part of a los...

Contributor Bio
Keir Davidson is a landscape designer specializing in waterfalls of natural rock. He created gardens in Japan and then worked for 18 years in the United States, building a 250-acre private botanical garden in New York. For the past 16 years he has been associated with Woburn Abbey and the Bedford family, initially as a waterfalls designer and subsequently as a landscape historian.
Gardens of the National Trust Postcard Box
National Trust

Summary
The National Trust cares for the finest collection of gardens in the UK, and these 50 postcards show some of the most beautiful. From the dense color of cottage gardens and the geometric perfection of knot gardens to the sweeping grandeur of Capability Brown's vistas, there's a perfect card for every occasion. The cards are presented in an attractive hinged box that can be reused.

Contributor Bio
The National Trust has four million members. It protects some of the most important spaces and places in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Garden Friends
Plants, Animals and Wildlife that are Good for Your Garden
Ed Ikin

Summary
Whether you want to experiment with companion planting, pest control or simply need some plants to do the work for you, gardening in harmony with nature has never been easier. Get the best out of your outside space by calling on your garden "friends." Introducing helpful wildlife into your garden will help to control pests, maintain a natural chemical-free balance and encourage your garden to bloom, whether you have a large garden, an allotment or a simple window box. Some plants are great "friends" and are endlessly useful—sweetpeas are good for regenerating tired soil, for example, while marigolds repel pesky greenfly away from your prized cabbages. Birds and other animals such as hedgehogs, bats and frogs are also renowned pest-munchers, while bees, butterflies and other insects will happily pollinate your flowers, fruit and vegetables. Encouraging just a few of these "friends" into your garden will soon ensure your prized plants are blooming. This practical guide describes all of the wonderful wildlife that is helpful to have in your garden and how to spot them. Packed with hints...

Contributor Bio
Ed Ikin is the General Manager of Morden Hall Park, Rainham Hall and London Residential National Trust gardens. He is one of their most innovative and energetic gardeners. He is the author of Thoughtful Gardening and was a contributor to Gardening Secrets and The Good Gardener.
Meadows at Great Dixter and Beyond
Christopher Lloyd, Fergus Garrett, Jonathan Buckle...

Summary
To see a meadow in bloom is a great delight—it’s alive and teeming with life, mysterious, dynamic and seemingly out of our control . . .

So Christopher Lloyd began his book on meadows, first published in 2004. No one knew more about meadow gardening than Lloyd, who spent much of his long life developing the flowering tapestries in his garden at Great Dixter, in the UK. In Meadows, he imparted that lifetime’s learning, exploring the development and management of meadow areas, explaining how to establish a meadow in a garden setting, and describing the hundreds of beautiful grasses, bulbs, and perennials and annuals that thrive in different meadow conditions. Lloyd’s classic text remains at the heart of this new book. However, here Fergus Garrett, Christopher Lloyd’s head gardener and his successor at Great Dixter, greatly expands and develops the theme of meadow gardening. Garrett’s introduction is accompanied by brand new photography by Carol Casselden. This edition is completely redesigned.

Contributor Bio
Christopher Lloyd (1921-2006) wrote regularly for newspapers and magazines including the Guardian and Country Life, and was the author of many gardening books. He was created OBE in 2000 and also held the highest award of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Victoria Medal of Honour. Fergus Garrett went to Great Dixter as head gardener in 1992 and worked closely with Christopher Lloyd for the next 15 years. He has since combined his full-time, hands-on gardening role at Dixter with writing and lecturing all over the UK, Europe, the US, Australia and New Zealand.

Planting Design for Dry Gardens
Beautiful, Resilient Groundcovers for Terraces, Paved Areas, Gravel and Other Alternatives to the Lawn
Olivier Filippi

Summary
Green lawns are restful to the eye, provide an excellent backdrop to plants and trees and keep the weeds down, but in low-rainfall regions they often end up looking scrappy and brown. This book offers low-level planting designs that are eco-friendly and so beautiful they redefine the conventional distinction between lawn and plant borders. Inspired by the wild plant communities of Europe, the Middle East, and the U.S., these rigorously trialed plant combinations can be used on terraces, paths, gravel beds and flower borders, as well as areas that are traditionally laid to lawn. Plant choices include the tough new macrothermal grasses, carpeting groundcovers and stunning wild flower mixes that thrive among gravel and stone. With a plant directory that lists over 200 tough but beautiful dry garden plants and Filippi’s innovative maintenance techniques, this book will delight all dry garden owners

Contributor Bio
Olivier Filippi has spent 25 year studying native plant communities in the world’s driest places and trialed plants and techniques in his experimental garden in the south of France. He is the author of The Dry Gardening Handbook.
Gardening Wit
Quips and Quotes for the Green-Fingered
Jane Brook

Summary
"To turn ordinary clothes into gardening clothes, simply mix with compost." —Guy Browning

"I was flattered to have a rose named after me until I read the description in the catalogue: no good in bed, but perfect up against a wall." —Eleanor Roosevelt

Contributor Bio
Jane Brook is the author of You Know You’re a Horse Lover When . . . .

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Fix Your Garden
Get Your Outdoor Space Blooming in No Time at All
Jane Moseley, Jackie Strachan, Claire Rollet

Summary
Don’t know what to do with a messy garden or bleak-looking balcony? Want to stake your claim on a little corner of a shared garden? No gardening experience whatsoever? This book is the perfect solution. Packed with tips and tricks to get your green fingers going, this beautifully illustrated little book will help you make the most of your outdoor space, even if you’ve only got a tiny windowbox. It will take you step by step from early analysis of the soil to find out which plants will do best, to fixing that weed-covered wilderness of a backyard you’ve inherited and starting to grow your own fruit and vegetables. With tips on garden design and how to conquer common pests and diseases, this is a crash course in getting your outdoor space sorted, and also contains information on houseplants so you can bring a little bit of the outdoors in.

Contributor Bio
Jane Moseley and Jackie Strachan are greenfingered growers through and through. Jackie’s large country garden is packed full of clever and beautiful touches, and Jane is an expert on urban windowboxes and balconies. They are the authors of Fix Your Bike.
Flower Reading Cards
Discover the Language of Nature
Cheralyn Darcey

Summary
If you have ever wondered what a flower means or why anyone has ever attributed symbolic meaning to a plant, then this card set will answer those questions. Floramancy is a way of connecting with the Language of Nature, and is the foundation of this deck of cards and guidebook. The ancient art of reading flowers and plants for divination and for healing insight is gained through understanding these meanings, so that you may wish them on others or bring that energy into your own world. The box set consists of 36 cards and a 96 page full-color booklet of the world’s favorite flowers. It features unique flower spreads for readings, and a special card of the day instruction that will delight those that love beautiful oracle tools and traditional artwork. The artwork is uniquely created by Australian artist Cheralyn Darcey on linocut with gouache paints. The guidebook contains expanded meanings, in short sentences that express the messages of each flower according to the Language of Nature, as well as botanical profiles. The meanings correspond with Flower Essence, Herbal Medicine, and Ar...

Contributor Bio
Cheralyn Darcey is an environmental artist, author, and flower reader. A lifelong teacher of creative arts with a focus on environmental arts, she has had a 30 year commitment to also sharing her passion for nature-based traditions with a strong center of environmentalism. Her art has been featured in workshops, exhibitions, art prizes, and publications internationally for the last 30 years.

Heirloom Plants
A Complete Compendium of Heritage Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs & Flowers
Lorraine Harrison, Thomas Etty

Summary
It’s nearly impossible for gardeners to resist the allure of heirloom plants. Their names alone sound inviting—Flanders Purple kale, Golden Marconi sweet peppers, Moon & Stars watermelons, Turk’s Turban squash, Scarlet Emperor running beans, and Jefferson plums—and many growers claim that their taste is unsurpassed. Beyond the classic appeal, however, lies the far more important issue of biodiversity. Unless these unique seeds are grown and saved, they will not only be forgotten, but lost forever. Based on the extensive seed catalogs of Thomas Etty, the popular heirloom seedsman, Heirloom Plants includes information on almost 500 exciting cultivars to be grown and harvested, along with detailed profiles and cultivation tips for each plant. In addition to edibles, the book also has chapters on antique herbs and flowers, from Cup and Saucer vines to Sweet William carnations to Empress of India nasturtiums. Trowel and book in hand, let your motto be, “Growing the past, saving the future.”

Contributor Bio
Thomas Etty dealt in seeds in the nineteenth century and is the namesake behind the heirloom seed company Thomas Etty Esq., created and run by dedicated seedsman and Etty’s great-great-grandson, Ray Warner. Today the company dispenses seeds and expertise to home growers keen to keep heirloom varieties alive. Lorraine Harrison has a master’s degree in garden history and a sizeable garden to cultivate her collection. She writes for the gardening quarterly Hortus and has authored a number of books on horticulture, including Latin for Gardeners.
The Garden Pocket Puzzle Book
David Squire

Summary
This brain-teasing puzzle book is the perfect way to relax after a hard day’s toil in the garden. With 200 intriguing puzzles, ranging from Spot the Difference to plant and flower anagrams, interspersed with beautiful historical engravings and fascinating facts and garden folklore, it’s guaranteed to keep your mind as sharp as a thorn, and germinate lots of ideas in your mental greenhouse!

Contributor Bio
David Squire has spent a lifetime gardening and writing. He has written 80 books which have been published in over 18 countries. He is the author of The Bee-Kind Garden, A Miscellany for Garden-Lovers, and Palms and Cycads.

Joy of Coloring: Birds
Volume 2: Wild & Exotic Birds

Summary
Unlike anything else, this exclusive treasury features more than 30 pages of guided coloring techniques. Suitable for framing, each template is printed on perforated, high-quality card stock. Volume 2 of Triumph Books’ new series Joy of Coloring, Birds features exclusive Japanese watercolor illustrations. This interactive book includes a gallery of full-color examples which provides stunning inspiration to spark your own creativity. Each template features crisp line drawings printed on a single-sided page of high-quality, pre-perforated card stock, providing the perfect canvas for your creations and easy to remove to display! This ready-to-be-colored aviary artwork provides an ideal place to begin your coloring journey or expand your horizons in the delights of coloring. Your artistic side will flourish with each one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Artists of any age or experience will create beautiful originals in no time! Includes set of 6 high-quality markers.

Contributor Bio
Triumph Books is a leader in quality and innovation in sports publishing and also publishes pop culture and current events books. They are based in Chicago.
The Edible City
Grow Cook Share
Indira Naidoo

Summary
A look at some truly creative and unique urban gardening solutions, along with practical tips and recipes

When Indira Naidoo transformed her tiny 13th-floor balcony into a bountiful kitchen garden, it changed her life forever. She joined the quiet revolution rolling through our cities—the army of urban gardeners turning concrete into crops, and harvests into hope. She also came to realize that gardening spaces in cities are limited only by the imagination. Join Indira as she visits some of Australia's most innovative and memorable kitchen gardens—the audacious garden in the sky providing a haven (and honey) for homeless visitors, the school bush-tucker garden reconnecting Indigenous kids with their heritage, the rooftop worm farm combating food waste at a Melbourne restaurant, and the community gardens bringing neighbors together to share meals and stories. Indira also offers gardening tips and practical advice on beekeeping, worm farming, composting and setting up your own community garden, as well as 40 of her delicious recipes. Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio
Indira Naidoo's television broadcast career has spanned more than two decades. She has anchored and reported for some of the Australia's most distinguished news and current affair programs. In 2009 she was selected from 2000 applicants to be trained by Al Gore as a climate change presenter. In 2013 she was appointed an ambassador for a Sydney homeless center, and conducts weekly gardening classes on its award-winning rooftop vegetable garden.

Joy of Coloring: Flowers
Volume 1: Spring & Summer Flowers

Summary
Unlike anything else, this exclusive treasury features more than 30 pages of guided coloring techniques. Suitable for framing, each template is printed on perforated, high-quality card stock. Volume 1 of Triumph Books’ new series The Joy of Coloring, Flowers is a riot of flowers in blossom, including hibiscus, oleander, water lily, lilac, and more! Featuring exclusive Japanese watercolor illustrations, this interactive book includes a gallery of full-color examples which provides stunning inspiration to spark your own creativity. Each template features crisp line drawings printed on a single-sided page of high-quality, pre-perforated card stock, providing the perfect canvas for your creations and easy to remove to display! This ready-to-be-colored garden artwork provides an ideal place to begin your coloring journey or expand your horizons in the delights of coloring. Your artistic side will flourish with each one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Artists of any age or experience will create beautiful originals in no time! Includes set of 6 high-quality markers.

Contributor Bio
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Grow Your Own Wedding Flowers
How to grow and arrange your own flowers for all special occasions
Georgie Newbery

Summary
Both inspiration and practical information for any bride wanting to plan and grow their perfect wedding flowers

For anyone who wants to add a personal element to their wedding, care for the environment, and save money while they do it, Grow Your Own Wedding Flowers is a must-have book. Filled with gorgeous pictures for inspiration, and written in a friendly, no-nonsense style, this practical book makes growing and arranging your own wedding flowers both achievable and fun, whether you are a beginner or advanced gardener or flower arranger. It takes you through how to grow, cut, plan, and arrange flowers, seasonal planting plans for spring, summer, autumn, and winter weddings, and ideas for planted wedding flower arrangements. Step-by-step guides cover the bridal and bridesmaids’ bouquets, flower crowns, wrist corsages and boutonnieres, table centerpieces, garlands, pew ends, and fresh- and dry-petal confetti. From jam-jar posies to elaborate arrangements, Grow Your Own Wedding Flowers has everything you need.

Contributor Bio
Georgie Newbery is an artisan flower farmer and florist. She formerly managed the features department of American Vogue in Paris and is the author of several novels and The Flower Farmer’s Year.

The Bauer Brothers
Images of Nature
Paul Martyn Cooper

Summary
A beautiful study of the lives and art of two of the greatest botanical illustrators of all time

The art of Franz and Ferdinand Bauer was praised by the poet and botanist Johann Goethe as the perfect expression of the aims of botanical illustration. This book examines the contrasting lives of Franz (1758-1840), who for 50 years was the resident artist at London’s Kew Gardens and Ferdinand (1760-1826) who led a life of travel and adventure as a natural history artist including participating in the voyage to Australia of HMS Investigator (1801-1805). It is illustrated with images from the superb archive of Bauer drawings at the Natural History Museum Library, many of which have never been published. These include beautiful and finely detailed watercolors of flowering plants collected from across the world, pioneering microscopical drawings of plant anatomy, and pictures of the newly discovered animals from the coasts of Australia.

Contributor Bio
Paul Martyn Cooper is a special collections librarian at the Natural History Museum where he has worked for 28 years. Paul’s work has focused on the acquisition and curation of the Life Sciences literature. Since 2011 he has had a special responsibility for artwork, manuscripts, and rare books.
**The Joy of Gardening**
Vanessa Berridge

**Summary**
These gardening facts and anecdotes are ideal for anyone who finds solace in their garden.

"To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul." —Alfred Austin

This pocket-sized miscellany, packed with quirky facts, quotes, handy hints, and surprising stories is the perfect pick-me-up for anyone who knows the incomparable joy of gardening.

**Contributor Bio**
Vanessa Berridge is a former editor for *Country Homes & Interiors* magazine and *The English Garden* magazine. She has written for *Country Life*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Homes & Gardens*, and *The Times*.

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**Wychwood**
Peter Cooper, Karen Hall

**Summary**
A breathtaking celebration of a unique garden combining Scandinavian design with temperate climate plants an Australian setting.

The garden at Wychwood, at the foot of Great Western Tiers in northern Tasmania, is one of the world's most magical gardens. Wychwood combines Scandinavian design sensibilities with temperate-climate cottage-garden charm. And to top it off there's a creek at the back that is home to a platypus family. Twenty-two years ago Swedish born Peter Cooper and Australian Karen Hall set about transforming 2.5 acres of bare paddock into a self-sufficient and ornamental garden. Now as "complete" as any creative project can be, Wychwood commemorates the making of an exquisite high-maintenance garden, detailing the techniques and secrets of its design success and offering inspiration at every turn. Peter's beautiful and haunting photography captures how the garden has evolved and grown into its surroundings.

**Contributor Bio**
Peter Cooper and Karen Hall are the creators of Wychwood. When they are not maintaining the garden, Karen contributes to the blog GardenDrum and Peter works as a garden designer and consultant.
**Flower Addict**
Saskia Havekes

**Summary**
Dive into a world of breathtaking flowers from Australia’s most-loved florist

Immerse yourself in florist Saskia Havekes' mind-numbingly beautiful world of flowers. Grandiflora, the highly acclaimed business she started 20 years ago, is known as much for its large-scale events with cascading flowers and extravagant arrangements as for its exquisite, intimate bouquets of petal-perfect blooms. Here, Saskia shares some of her favorite floral moments, captured in glorious detail by photographer Nick Watt.

**Contributor Bio**
Saskia Havekes is one of Australia’s most celebrated florists and owner of the inner-city Sydney shop, Grandiflora. Her clients include Armani, David Jones, Fairfax & Roberts, and Hermes, and her work has featured in Belle, House & Garden, Marie Claire, Vogue, and Vogue Living. She is the author of Grandiflora and Grandiflora Arrangements.

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**Paradise and Plenty**
A Rothschild Family Garden
Mary Keen

**Summary**
Offering access to a hitherto completely private family garden, this book features seven magnificent gatefolds, ribbon markers, head and tail bands, making it a gift to treasure for all garden lovers

The productive garden at Lord Rothschild’s private house, Eythrope in Buckinghamshire, England, is legendary in the garden world for the excellence of the gardening and as a haven for traditional techniques that might otherwise be lost. Under the leadership of the renowned head gardener Sue Dickinson, this garden works on a scale that is now unique, producing, year-round, all the fruit, vegetables, and flowers for a country house where entertaining still happens on a grand scale and where everything is done to the highest standards. Paradise and Plenty, an in-depth exploration of the garden, opens a window on a garden that has always, until now, been kept intensely private, and a world beyond most gardeners' dreams. But in this book everything shown is useful as well as beautiful. Gregory Long of the New York Botanic Garden points out in his introduction to the book that as more and more ...
Heirloom Vegetables
A Guide to their History and Varieties
Simon Rickard

Summary
A lively introduction and guide to the weird and wonderful world of heirloom vegetables, with tips on how to grow them—and how doing so will help save the planet

How often do you hear someone complain that tomatoes don't taste like they used to? It's becoming a common concern, as food production is increasingly controlled by multinational corporations more interested in profit than flavor. People who care about their food are growing their own vegetables in droves—and especially heirlooms for their wonderfully diverse flavors, shapes, and colors. Not to mention their rich history and weird and wonderful names—who could resist a lettuce called "Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed", not be intrigued by the potato that "Makes the Daughter-in-Law Cry", or fail to be moved by the "Cherokee Trail of Tears" bean? In this lively, passionate, and at times political introduction to the world of heirloom vegetables, gardener Simon Rickard describes the history of many of his favorite varieties, encourages you to get growing yourself, and explains why he believes edible gardening is so important to our f...

Contributor Bio
Simon Rickard has been head gardener at several historical gardens in Australia. He is now a writer and leads tours to beautiful gardens around the world.

A Miscellany for Garden-Lovers
Facts and Folklore Through the Ages
David Squire

Summary
A beautiful gift book for any gardening enthusiast, with plenty of history, lore, and anecdote

The craft of gardening—its rich history, wisdom, and folklore—is presented here to entertain, inspire, and stimulate the imagination. A Miscellany for Garden-Lovers takes a stroll through gardening curiosities from ancient Egyptian wisdom to the world of garden gnomes, providing plenty of information on the history and folklore of gardening as well as the development of tools and practices. From the discovery of early garden tools to rhymes and healing gardens, there is everything here for the aspiring gardener or the experienced horticulturalist. Illustrated throughout with historical woodcuts and images, this beautiful book makes a perfect gift for anyone with an interest in gardens, gardening, and history.

Contributor Bio
David Squire is a horticulturist and the author of more than 80 books, many of them gardening and plant-related, including The Bee-Kind Garden. He has received the Garden Writers of America Quill and Trowel Award.
Herterton House and a New Country Garden
Frank Lawley, Val Corbett, Charles Quest-Ritson

Summary
Frank and Marjorie Lawley have spent almost 40 years at Herterton House, a 16th century farmhouse on the Wallington Estate, near Cambo (birthplace of Capability Brown) in Northumberland in the North of England. When they leased Herterton from the National Trust in 1976, the Lawleys took on a series of derelict farm buildings. This highly original and personal book describes in detail how, with patience and passion, they restored Herterton House and created an exquisite and unique garden. As well as discussing the practicalities involved, it also describes the influences and the lifetime of thinking behind their achievement. Within its mere acre, the garden at Herterton House provides more visual interest and more interesting plants (plants you can also buy from its small nursery) than many gardens 20 times its size. It also stimulates visitors to think about what plants to use and how to use them, about the history of English gardens, about the relation of the past to the present, and about the relation of a garden to the landscape around it. This stunning book records and celebrates...

Contributor Bio
Frank Lawley and his wife have spent the past four decades rescuing Herterton House near Wallington, a long-abandoned 16th century farmhouse, and designing, creating, and maintaining around it a new but appropriate country garden. Val Corbett is a freelance photographer based in the Lowther Valley on the eastern fringe of the Lake District. She is well known for her garden and landscape photography. Charles Quest-Ritson is a UK-based writer and journalist specializing in horticulture and social history.

The Gardener's Book of Colour
Andrew Lawson

Summary
Revised and updated, a complete guide to creating color effects in the garden

Andrew Lawson has an artist’s eye, a scientist’s training, and long experience as both a gardener and a photographer of gardens. In this book he calls on all his skills and practical knowledge to illuminate the complex subject of using color in the garden and to demonstrate the extraordinary power of color to change the sense of space, to suggest coolness or warmth, and to evoke different moods. The Gardener’s Book of Colour shows how to put colors together in garden beds, borders, and containers, explaining how to construct harmonizing and contrasting schemes and exuberant displays of mixed color. All the major schemes are supported by keyline drawings giving full planting details. In addition, illustrated plant directories, arranged by color and flowering season, provide cultivation details for more than 850 plants, enabling you to assemble the right plants for your chosen scheme and to carry that scheme through the year. Authoritative and accessible, The Gardener’s Book of Colour will stimulate your imagi...

Contributor Bio
Andrew Lawson is one of the world’s leading garden photographers, a painter, a passionate and knowledgeable gardener, and an engaging garden writer. He is the author of six books including Plants for All Seasons. In 1993 he was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society’s Gold Medal for Photographers.
Gertrude Jekyll at Munstead Wood
Martin Wood, Judith Tankard

Summary
Back in print after almost 20 years, this Pimpernel Garden Classic edition has been redesigned and includes new photography.

First published in the UK by Sutton Publishing in 1996 (and by Timber Press in the US), this Pimpernel Classic edition has been redesigned and includes new photography. Gertrude Jekyll was probably the most influential garden designer of the early 20th century, and this book explores her life and work at the home she created for herself at Munstead Wood in Surrey, England. Taking as a basis her own photograph albums, scrapbooks, and notebooks, and the recollections of contemporaries from Edith Wharton and Vita Sackville-West to William Robinson and Henry Francis du Pont, it describes not only the building and development of the house and garden but also her skills both in the arts and as a businesswoman and her collaborations with architects—preeminently Edwin Lutyens, but also Oliver Hill and M.H. Baillie Scott. This revised edition includes many photographs that have never previously been published.

Contributor Bio
Martin Wood is a noted interior designer whose previous books include John Fowler: Prince of Decorators, Nancy Lancaster: English Country House Style, and Sister Parish: American Style. Judith Tankard is an architectural and garden historian who taught at the Landscape Institute at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University for more than 20 years. She is the award-winning author of many books on landscape history including Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House. Her books have been supported by grants from the NEA, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, and the Hubbard Educational Foundation. She lives in Waban, Massachusetts.

George’s Magic Garden
Transforming the Ordinary into the Extraordinary
George Carter, Harry Cory Wright

Summary
A gorgeous peek into the personal garden of an award-winning, playful, postmodernist gardener

The garden designer George Carter, a Gold Medalist at the Royal Horticultural Society Chelsea Flower show, the world’s most prestigious flower show, is noted for his subtle and witty approach to garden design. He has designed and made gardens for Burleigh, Penshurst, and other stately homes, together with many smaller gardens, all using ingenious ideas for their embellishment and decoration. He also designs the annual, sold-out exhibition at Buckingham Palace. In this book, photographed in his own beautiful Norfolk garden, which exemplifies his approach to garden design, George not only shows how he created the garden, but also demonstrates quick and easy ways to decorate and transform your garden with originality and paint. From urns to statues and cut-outs, to humble flowerpots and chain store-bought garden sheds, George’s ideas bring the theater to the garden in the best possible way.

Contributor Bio
George Carter is a leading garden and exhibition designer who is currently working on the restoration of the garden of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, London, to its original classical Dutch appearance. He is a multiple Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medalist. Harry Cory Wright is a photographer whose previous titles include Atlantic Views of the Atlantic Ocean and Journey Through the British Isles.
A Gardener's Latin
The Language of Plants Explained
Richard Bird

Summary
An exquisitely illustrated, lively exploration of Latin plant names explaining the meanings behind hundreds of names, from vulgaris ("common") to mirabilis ("extraordinary")

Every gardener needs to know their Latin names. They may look confusing at first, but once you understand what certain key words mean, impenetrable sounding and hard-to-pronounce species names are suddenly demystified. Many Latin names hide the secrets of where the plant is found, its color, flowering times, leaf pattern, natural habitat, and all sorts of other information that's extremely useful to the gardener: if you want a plant for a shady place, choose one with a name ending in sylvestris ("of woods"), while if your garden is dry, look out for the suffix epigeios ("of dry places"). More than just a dictionary of plant names, this fascinating book explains the meaning of hundreds of Latin plant terms. Within these pages you'll learn that Digitalis purpurea (the common foxglove) is purple, that the sanguineum in Geranium sanguineum means "bloody" (its common name is the bloody cranesbill), and to steer clear o...

Contributor Bio
Richard Bird is the author of nearly 30 books, including 200 Vegetable-Growing Basics and How to Grow Orchard Fruits.

Tree Spirituality
An introduction to trees, humans, and the realm they share
Darcy MacPherson

Summary
In a fun filled approach this book is a beginner's reflection of the myths and stories from the trees and the cultures that integrate with them. Passing old and new stories to all generations from both ancient and modern times perhaps with an "aha" moment. It is a look at old enemies and new ones; traditional industry and development and the new onslaught of insects or un-welcomed plants that rapidly change the environment. Trees have provided for humans, fairies, gnomes and others from mysterious realms. They continue to act as doorways or portals though the places of passages are dwindling. But as humans we can help them to come back or create new ones. The stories and knowledge presented in this book and the following series will help to enliven the spirit to find or create new portals. We are stewards of each other and helping each keeps the magic afloat. Through these writings you may be reminded of what was in the past and to what the future can bring. By walking thru the woods with new eyes and maybe old eyes that are reminded of a favorite childhood story or tree we can stand...

Contributor Bio
DJ MacPherson is an experienced horticulturist and information technologist with more than 20 years of experience in both fields. She is forever learning and calls herself an educational junkie; she constantly explores, utilizes techniques and studies from both disciplines. DJ loves to explore the history and myths of gardens, plants and sacred spaces. Why are they important to people, what activities makes them special places, and can they be preserved? Her journey today consists of owning a business called Silver Thread Gardens, where she partners with clients to restore and create sacred spaces. Through this she has woven technical and practical expertise and mythology into the clients' personal spaces. She enjoys partnering with others to bring forth the value of nature to their world. Her philosophy is that "gardens weave themselves through the fabric of our lives." As gardens and plants evolve and change, so do their caretakers. They constantly teach us about themselves and ourselves. The constant educator, Darcy is a big fan of trees and has participated on local tree boards w...
**Australian Wildflower Reading Cards**  
Cheralyn Darcey

**Summary**

44 cards, plus a guidebook, provide guidance through native Australian Wildflower imagery and oracle teachings

Written with easy to understand instructions on how to connect and work with this magical card set, these unique cards include information on Australian flowers and their healing and guidance powers. Cheralyn Darcey's beautiful artwork features linocut with a water color paint finish. The guidebook features unique flower spreads for readings and a special card-of-the-day instructional that will delight those that love beautiful oracle tools and traditional artwork. In every card, on every page, in every word, in every picture the Australian wildflowers will speak to you—soul to soul. This card set is alive and its messages are clear, healing, joyful, and honest. Wherever you are in this world, the medicine of the Australian wildflowers, their messages and songs and profound healing powers are now in your hands.

**Contributor Bio**

Cheralyn Darcey is an environmental artist, flower therapist, and teacher. Her art has featured in workshops, exhibitions, art prizes, and publications internationally for the last 30 years. She was a selected Environmental Artist in Residence at the International Environment Convention 2011. She is a sought after Oracle reader and Tarot teacher, runs workshops in art and journaling techniques, and presents workshops using flowers to provide healing and guidance.

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**Doodles Flower Coloring Fun**  
Setria James, Chelsea Hughes

**Summary**

Flowers charm us with their unique fragrance and striking attributes. *Doodles Flower Coloring Fun* is designed to introduce children to various types of flowers, from the alpine forget-me-not to the viola. While interacting with the images, children will explore the unusual forms and characteristics of flowers. Doodles Flower Coloring Fun offers hours of entertainment, with games, puzzles, mazes, and connect-the-dots.

**Contributor Bio**

Setria James is the author of over 20 educational activity-coloring books, one of which is a first place winner of the Purple Dragonfly book awards. Her latest titles are *Doodles Anatomy Coloring Fun* and *Doodles Animal Kingdom Coloring Fun*. Setria is a graduate of Texas Woman's University, where she earned a Bachelors in Fine Arts and a Masters of Art, each with a concentration on graphic design. During her graduate studies, Setria explored the effects of imagery on children and their development. It was this research that brought her to the "Doodles Coloring Fun" book series. Understanding the power of combining learning opportunities with coloring fun has catapulted the activity-coloring book series forward. According to Setria, "If my books can inspire kids to be creative and discover the world around them, then I've accomplished my goal." Currently living in the Dallas metroplex with her four-legged child, Setria continues her career as a graphic designer while exploring her creative voice through drawing, writing, and painting.
The Wisdom of Trees
Max Adams

Summary
A passionate and informative celebration of trees and of man’s ingenuity in exploiting their resources: the perfect gift for anyone who cares about the natural world

Trees are marvels of nature, still-standing giants of extraordinary longevity. In a beautifully written sequence of essays, anecdotes, and profiles of species from yew to scots pine, Max Adams explores both the amazing biology of trees and humanity’s relationship with wood and forest across the centuries. Embellished with images from John Evelyn’s classic Sylva (1664), this beautifully designed gift book offers both a natural and a cultural history of trees, and will delight anyone who cares about the natural world and our interaction with it.

Contributor Bio
Max Adams is the author of The Prometheans and The King in the North. He is a teacher of woodland and tree histories and a woodland manager.

The New Kitchen Garden: How to Grow Some of What You Eat No Matter Where You Live
How to Grow Some of What You Eat No Matter Where You Live
Mark Diacono

Summary
Whether you are taking your first steps in growing some of what you eat, or experienced and looking for inspiration, ideas and some new plants to grow, The New Kitchen Garden is for you.

Inspired by a range of gardeners growing food on allotments, on rooftops, in container gardens and in other edible spaces, many of them urban, Mark shows you the full exciting breadth of what a kitchen garden can be. Whether you have a window sill, space for a few plants by the back door, an allotment or an acre, you’ll find a series of invitations to grow any of almost 200 fruits, nuts, herbs, spices, flowers and vegetables to suit your space, time and inclination.

Everything is here - the tools, the techniques, the ideas and the knowledge - to enable you to realise that vision of your own kitchen garden, wherever you live. There's also a dozen incredible edible gardens - a rooftop food forest, a courtyard of metre-square raised beds, Charles Dowding's no-dig garden, a child’s container garden and Raymond Blanc's heritage garden at Le Manoir among them - their gates flung open by the gardeners to revea...

Contributor Bio
Mark Diacono runs Otter Farm in Devon, home to orchards of pecans, peaches, almonds, szechuan pepper, apricots and a vineyard. He spends most of his time eating, growing, writing and talking about food. He is an award-winning journalist and photographer, who ran the Garden Team at River Cottage and whose writing often features in the press. He also regularly runs gardening courses and events at River Cottage UK.

James Wong's Homegrown Revolution
James Wong

Summary
Get excited about home gardening with James Wong's guide to growing plants you'll be happy to eat.

Whether it's a window box of homegrown saffron, your very own kiwi vine or a mini green tea plantation on your patio, TV botanist and bestselling author James Wong proves that "growing your own" can be so much more exciting than spuds, sprouts, and swede. Breaking free from the "dig for victory" time warp of allotment staples, James reveals the vast array of 21st century crops that will flourish outdoors, even in the UK's blustery North Atlantic climate—no greenhouse necessary. From goji berries to food-mile free sweet potatoes, James' revolutionary approach to edible gardening will show you how to grow, cook, and eat all manner of superfood crops that are just as easy (if not easier) and far more exciting to grow than the "ration book" favorites. Inspiring, fun, and full of plant know-how, this book is set to revolutionize the whole concept of "growing your own" for newbie growers to seasoned allotment veterans alike. You'll never look at your garden the same way again!

Contributor Bio
James Wong is a Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew-trained botanist, lecturer, and the author of Grow Your Own Drugs. He has appeared on NPR's All Things Considered.

Plants: From Roots to Riches
Kathy Willis

Summary
Tie-in to the landmark 25-part BBC Radio 4 series with Kew Gardens. The peculiarly British obsession with gardens goes back a long way, and Plants: From Roots to Riches takes readers back to where it all began. Across 25 vivid episodes, Kathy Willis, Kew's charismatic Head of Science, will show how the last 250 years transformed Britain's relationship with plants. Behind the scenes at the Botanical Gardens all kinds of surprising things have been going on. As the British Empire painted the atlas red, explorers, adventurers, and scientists brought the most interesting specimens and information back to London. From the discovery of Botany Bay to the horrors of the potato famine, from orchid hunters to quinine smugglers, from Darwin's experiments to the unexpected knowledge unlocked by the 1987 hurricane, understanding how plants work has changed the UK's history and could safeguard their future. In the style of A History of the World in 100 Objects, each chapter tells a separate story, but, gathered together, a great picture unfolds, of a remarkable science, botany.

Contributor Bio
Kathy Willis is director of science at Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. She is also professor of long-term ecology and a fellow of Merton College, both at Oxford University. Winner of several awards, she has spent over 20 years researching and teaching biodiversity and conservation at Oxford and Cambridge. Carolyn Fry is the former editor of Geographical, the magazine of the Royal Geographic Society, and has traveled the world in search of stories. She has written five successful books, including the acclaimed Plant Hunters.
The Good Gardener
A Hands-on Guide from National Trust Experts
Simon Akeroyd

Summary
Marrying innovative techniques with traditional skills, this practical, modern guide from the National Trust head gardeners covers all aspects of gardening

National Trust gardeners are very much at the forefront of modern gardening techniques yet at the same time, use valuable traditional skills passed down through the generations. Interspersed throughout all the up-to-date gardening advice offered in this guide are tip boxes describing all the traditional skills that are used. Head gardeners from world-famous gardens like Hidcote, Sissinghurst, and Stourhead all contribute. This comprehensive guide covers garden basics (soil type, aspect, weeding, digging, and what to grow where and when); design (styles, functional vs. aesthetics, landscaping, low maintenance gardening, container gardening, and a return to lost gardening styles and techniques); lawn care and lawn alternatives, gardening techniques and maintenance, crop rotation, growing and cooking food (fruit, vegetables, and herbs), greener gardening, and wildlife gardening—natural alternatives, how to encourage wildlife, how to d...

Contributor Bio
Simon Akeroyd is the author of several gardening books, such as The Complete Gardener's Guide and Kitchen Gardening for Beginners. He is head gardener at Polesden Lacey in Surrey and a former RHS garden manager.

Connected
The Sustainable Landscapes of Phillip Johnson
Phillip Johnson

Summary
Winner of Best in Show at at of Royal Horticultural Society Chelsea Flower Show—the equivalent of an Olympic gold medal, Phillip Johnson explains his thoughtful, sustainable style of creating magical spaces

This book explores Phillip Johnson's philosophy of connecting with nature in a sustainable way. It focuses on his key passions, including integrated sustainable water management and the creation of natural, chemical-free pools; recreation of thriving habitats for indigenous plants and animals; and the thoughtful connection of the landscape to the home. Illustrated with lavish photography, garden plans, and practical water-flow diagrams for each garden featured, Connected tells the stories behind the commissioning, design, and execution of 19 gardens designed by Johnson (with insights from their owners). The showcased gardens range from small suburban to large rural spaces, and include the author's own home garden laboratory. Johnson's account of the design and construction of his award-winning garden at Chelsea is also featured.

Contributor Bio
Phillip Johnson is a landscape architecture who leads one of the most awarded landscape design firms in the industry. He has been "recreating habitat" for more than 19 years, developing more than 500 residential and commercial gardens. He won Best in Show at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower and Garden Show in 2013.
Let's Look for Wild Flowers
A Spot & Learn, Stick & Play Book
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
Get children outside with these fun activities which form the perfect introduction to wildflowers

This nature book is a first look at wildflowers and includes a general introduction to the parts of a flower, plus an array of fascinating facts, a guide to pollination, and a look at the wildflower year. At the heart of the book are the easy and hard “what can you spot” pages with a colorful picture gallery of wildflowers to find and tick off. When children aren't out and about looking for flowers, there are 30 stickers to use on the fold-out meadow play scene at the back of the book. This fun-filled guide is a great way to get children outside and give them something fun to do.

Contributor Bio
Caz Buckingham trained as an illustrator and graphic designer. She worked for more than 20 years for large corporate publishers before setting up Fine Feather Press with her business partner, Andrea Pinnington. Caz's distinctive designs and illustrations are a combination of artwork and photography that draw children into the world of plants and animals. Andrea Pinnington is the author of numerous children's activity books, including Animals, My Body, and The Princess Creativity Book. Caz and Andrea take all the photographs for their books. This provides the inspiration for their titles, which are designed to give parents the tools with which to engage their children with nature.

ABC Nature Activity Cards
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
This activity-packed set of early flashcards is ideal for learning the alphabet, and will help children foster a love of nature

What better way to teach your child to read than through the natural world? These flashcards are packed with more than 25 activities, all based on essential preschool concepts such as colors, shapes, numbers, counting, matching, and letter recognition. Their fold-over format is perfect for parents and children to look at together, and for putting up around the home to reinforce letter learning. Each card features a lower case letter on the front, an activity inside, and an upper case letter on the back. Letter Z opens out to reveal a double gatefold featuring all the letters of the alphabet that you can spot outside.

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1 2 3 Nature Activity Cards
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
This set of early flashcards, packed with preschool activities for learning numbers, will help children to appreciate the natural world

These flashcards are ideal for parents who want to foster a love of nature in their children from an early age. The cards go from one to 20, and inside each one are activities based on key early learning number concepts such as numbers, counting, matching, sorting, opposites, sizes, shapes, and patterns. Card number 20 is a double gatefold that opens to reveal an illustrated number line. The fold over format is perfect for parents and children to look at together, and for putting up around the home to help reinforce number learning.

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Words from the Garden
A Collection of Beautiful Poetry, Prose and Quotations
Isobel Carlson

Summary
A book of quotations and poetry for those whose hearts belong in the garden

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." —Gertrude Jekyll

Inspired by all things green and flourishing, this is the perfect book to dip into for a moment's reflection, whether you are cooped up on a rainy day or admiring the fruits of your labor on a summer evening.

Contributor Bio
Isobel Carlson is the author of A Country Miscellany and Words of Love.
Great Gardens of the National Trust
Stephen Lacey

Summary
A vivid historical and horticultural picture of the great gardens of the National Trust, now in paperback
Britain's National Trust has the finest collection of gardens ever assembled under one ownership—the greatest in number, diversity, historic importance, and quality. Together, they form the world's most important collection of cultivated plants, distinguished by their beauty, rarity, historical interest, and scientific value. Historically and horticulturally, a vivid picture of the gardens is painted, with all the major periods represented—from a knot garden from a 1640 design to Victorian Gardens and the famous plantsmen's gardens of the last century. Both a practical guide and a rich source of inspiration, the book includes horticultural details, a complete plant list, and a section on the many other Trust gardens to visit. Throughout, splendid color images by the country's leading photographers bring to life the beauty of each garden.

 Contributor Bio
Stephen Lacey is a garden writer, a lecturer, a broadcaster, and a long-standing columnist and feature writer for the Daily Telegraph. He contributes to many other publications including Horticulture Magazine, House and Garden, and the RHS Journal. His books include Real Gardening, Scent in Your Garden, and The Startling Jungle.

Sticker Play Scene: Wild Flowers
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
Encourage imaginative play and help children learn about nature and wildflowers with this on-the-go activity pack
Inside this pack is a fold-out meadow play scene, two colorful flower sticker sheets, and a simple identification guide to help children learn about the most common wildflowers. It helps develop imaginative play skills and offers more than the usual packs of stickers.

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Sticker Play Scene: Garden Wildlife
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
Encourage imaginative play and help children learn about nature and wildlife with this on-the-go activity pack

Inside this pack is a fold-out garden play scene, two colorful wildlife sticker sheets, and a simple identification guide to help children learn about the most common animals and plants they are likely to find in a garden or park. It helps develop imaginative play skills and offers more than the usual packs of stickers.

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Sticker Play Scene: Garden Birds
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Summary
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**Sticker Play Scene: Butterflies**
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

**Summary**
Encourage imaginative play and help children learn about nature and butterflies with this on-the-go activity pack

Inside this pack is a fold-out meadow play scene, two colorful butterfly sticker sheets, and a simple identification guide to help children learn about the most common butterflies. It helps develop imaginative play skills, and offers more than the usual packs of stickers.

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**Firewood Banksia**
Philippa Nikulinsky

**Summary**
This beautiful botanical art book is a dazzling and wondrous celebration of *Banksia menziesii*, commonly known as Firewood or Menzies' Banksia, by one of Australia's best botanical artists. After many field trips and long observation of the flowering plant, Philippa Nikulinsky has created a series of detailed drawings and paintings that record the entire cycle of this species, capturing it in all its beauty.

**Contributor Bio**
Philippa Nikulinsky has spent a lifetime painting exquisite watercolors honoring the flora and fauna of Western Australian. She is the author of five books and seven illustrated diaries, including *Cape Arid* and *Soul of the Desert*. For 20 years she has painted the cover illustration for the conservation magazine *Landscape*. 
How to Create a New Vegetable Garden
Producing a Beautiful and Fruitful Garden from Scratch
Charles Dowding

Summary
Drawing on his years of experience as an expert gardener, Charles Dowding illustrates the simplicity of starting a new vegetable garden with tales and pictures from his first year on his latest plot of land. Filled with insights into the processes that Charles uses to garden so successfully, this practical book is a must-read for anyone who has unused land and doesn't know where to start. The book will take you through starting points, stages of clearing ground, mulch, comparing techniques, early sowings and plantings, and growing in polytunnels and greenhouses. This book is invaluable for realizing the full potential of any plot of land—no matter its previous uses.

Contributor Bio
Charles Dowding is a veteran organic grower, having practiced no-dig gardening for 30 years. He is the author of Charles Dowding's Vegetable Course, Gardening Myths and Misconceptions, How to Grow Winter Vegetables, Organic Gardening, and Salad Leaves; contributes articles to many magazines, including Gardeners’ World, Gardens Illustrated, and Grow It!; gives regular talks; and runs gardening courses. He has appeared on radio and television, including BBC TV’s Gardeners’ World.

Let's Look for Garden Wildlife
A Spot & Learn, Stick & Play Book
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
Get children outside with these fun activities which form the perfect introduction to common wildlife.

A first look at the most common creatures you are likely to encounter in gardens or parks, this activity book includes a general introduction to the different types of animals that live there, plus an array of fascinating facts, a look at creatures of the night, and a guide to how to attract wildlife to your garden. At the heart of the book are the easy and hard “what can you spot” pages with a colorful picture gallery of garden wildlife to find and tick off. When children aren’t out and about looking for animals, there are 30 colorful wildlife stickers to use on the fold-out garden play scene at the back of the book.

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Let's Look for Garden Birds
A Spot & Learn, Stick & Play Book
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
Get children outside with these fun activities which form the perfect introduction to birds

Encouraging children to get outside, this activity book includes a general introduction to the world of birds, plus an array of fascinating facts, a guide to what different birds eat, and how to listen to birdsong. At the heart of the book are the easy and hard “what can you spot” pages with a colorful picture gallery of birds to find and tick off. When children aren't out and about looking for birds, there are 30 bird stickers to use on the fold-out garden play scene at the back of the book.

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Let's Look for Butterflies
A Spot & Learn, Stick & Play Book
Andrea Pinnington, Caz Buckingham

Summary
Get children outside with these fun activities which form the perfect introduction to butterflies

A perfect way to introduce butterflies to small children, this activity book includes a general introduction, plus an array of fascinating facts, a look at the foods they eat, and a guide to their incredible life cycle. At the heart of the book are the easy and hard “what can you spot” pages with a colorful picture gallery of butterflies to find and tick off. When children aren't out and about looking for butterflies, there are 30 colorful butterfly stickers to use on the fold-out garden meadow play scene at the back of the book.

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Get Out!: Nature Puzzles & Games  
Caz Buckingham, Andrea Pinnington

Summary
An enchanting nature book filled with fun activities and games for busy little hands

This highly original collection of nature-based activities will help to inspire a love of the outdoors from an early age, and is perfect for sunny days out and rainy days in. The book follows the progression of the seasons through the year, and features more than 30 imaginative activities suitable for younger children. These includes puzzles such as mazes, coloring and drawing, riddles, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, and memory games. The book also includes an illustrative fold-out nature wall chart tucked into a pocket in the inside back jacket, with plants and animals for children to find and check off.

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Luke & the Little Seed  
Giuliano Ferri

Summary
This celebration of the magic of nature teaches a gentle life lesson about the value of patience

On his birthday, Luke, the little mouse, has so many wonderful presents. So when his grandfather gives him a seed, he is rather disappointed. But as Luke learns about patience, he begins to realize that this could become the best present ever!

Contributor Bio

Giuliano Ferri is an artist, an animator, and an award-winning illustrator of many children’s books, including The Animals’ Christmas, Ant and Grasshopper, The Apple King, Best Friends, and Nino’s Magical Night. He is also the author and illustrator of Little Tad Grows Up; Mummy, Mummy, Where Are You?; and Night, Night, Sleep Tight!
New Zealand Native Ground Cover Plants
A Practical Guide for Gardeners and Landscapers
Roy Edwards, Lawrie Metcalf

Summary
There is increasing enthusiasm for using native plants in gardens throughout New Zealand. This book is aimed at helping gardeners and landscaping professionals to select and care for native ground-cover plants in order to create low-maintenance, good-looking, and sustainable gardens. The authors show how a carefully considered use of New Zealand native plants as ground cover can reduce maintenance in gardens of all sizes while creating an aesthetically pleasing environment. They suggest suitable ground cover plants, based not only on the species but also on the continuing development of the range of hybrids and cultivars that are now available to gardeners. Accompanied by more than 100 color photographs, these suggestions will help with your plant selection.

Contributor Bio
Roy Edwards is a lecturer in horticulture at Lincoln University and has extensive experience in plant use and selection. He has contributed to Garden Design: A New Zealand Guide and Going Native: Making Use of New Zealand Native Plants. Lawrie Metcalf is one of New Zealand’s most well-known and trusted authors writing about native flora, with more than 11 popular titles published, including photographic and identification guides and books on the cultivation and propagation of native plants.

The Flower Farmer's Year
How to Grow Cut Flowers for Pleasure and Profit
Georgie Newbery

Summary
The Flower Farmer’s Year is a light, entertaining look at how to plant, maintain, and keep evolving a productive cut-flower garden. Whether you want to devote a corner of your garden to a stand of sweet peas and some cosmos, take up flower production for gate sales, or make a livelihood from cut flowers, Georgie Newbery will take you through everything from planning your garden to budgeting and marketing. With plenty of stories about mistakes she’s made along the way, this book is a practical manual that teaches how to get involved in local, sustainable flower production for the home or commercially.

Contributor Bio
Georgie Newbery is an artisan flower farmer and florist, supplying cut-flowers direct to customers from her small holding in Somerset. She is one of three southwest representatives in a new UK-wide cooperative of flower farmers. She formerly managed the features department of American Vogue in Paris and has written several novels.
Inspirational Gardens Through the Seasons
Helene Gammack

Summary
A glorious celebration of Britain's most spectacular gardens, packed with inspiration for beautiful borders, colorful plants, growing herbs and vegetables, and creating interest with topiary, water, and architectural detail

The National Trust looks after some of the world's greatest gardens, and this glorious guide follows their progress through the seasons. From delicate spring blossom and carpets of bluebells at Emmets Garden in Kent, to luxurious mid-summer roses and wild meadows at Tyntesfield in Somerset, and from golden leaves and fiery autumnal landscapes at Stourhead in Wiltshire to winter topiary and snow-dusted statues at Chirk Castle in Wrexham, there is something for everyone in this beautiful book, whatever the season. Whether you enjoy visiting gardens, shaping your own outside space, or are simply an flower and plant enthusiast, this visual feast offers inspiration to everyone, and visits a wide range of gardens—from small herb and vegetable patches to sweeping landscapes.

Contributor Bio
Helene Gammack worked as sole gardener in a renowned plantsman's garden for 10 years, and has worked as a research assistant for the National Trust for the last two years. She is the author of Kitchen Garden Estate.

Collins Big Cat? The Gardening Year: Orange/Band 06
Becky Dickinson

Summary

Orange/ Band 6 books offer varied text and characters, with action sustained over several pages.

Text type—an information book.

At the end of the book is a useful checklist of gardeners' jobs in each season, which can be used for oral recap or to support children's writing outside the reading session.

Curriculum links—science: "Pupils should be taught to observe changes across the four seasons."
Dig Deeper
Seasonal, Sustainable Australian Gardening
Meredith Kirton

Summary
The definitive gardening manual for the modern gardener

Guiding you through the seasons, each chapter is divided into four parts: annuals, perennials, and bulbs; grasses, groundcovers, and climbers; shrubs and trees; and herbs, fruit, and vegetables. Containing step-by-step projects, feature plants, and advice and information on everything from the more unusual cultivars and creating heirloom crops, to using grey water and groundcovers to beat soil erosion, this book provides answers for all your garden and plant-related queries.

Contributor Bio
Meredith Kirton has demonstrated her lifelong commitment to gardening and horticulture for the past 25 years in a varied career that has included writing, teaching, consulting, retail, guiding garden tours, and designing as well as speaking at various events across Australia. She has published several books on gardening, as well as appearing on television and writing regular columns for Australia's best-known gardening magazines.

Some Flowers
Vita Sackville-West, Graham Rust

Summary
Legendary gardener Vita Sackville-West's affectionate and inspirational tribute to her 25 favorite plants

In Some Flowers, originally published in 1937, Vita Sackville-West took the novel step of choosing 25 of her favorite flowers and describing their appearance, origins, characteristics, and the best ways to grow them, in a series of beautifully expressive pen portraits which retain their vitality more than 70 years later. In this fresh edition, the exquisite watercolors of Graham Rust provide a perfect marriage of words and images, clearly demonstrating at last the accuracy and ingenuity of Vita Sackville-West's descriptions. This glorious second flowering of her personal, erudite, and poetical book will not only delight her many admirers but also guarantee her reputation with a new generation of gardening enthusiasts.

Contributor Bio
Vita Sackville-West (1892-1962) was an author, poet, and gardener. She created the Sissinghurst Castle Garden, which is among the most famous gardens in England. Graham Rust is a painter and muralist and the author of The Painted Ceiling and The Painted House.
Gardening Myths and Misconceptions
Charles Dowding

Summary
Conventional wisdom is difficult to question, even when it is misguided and contains many contradictions. Gardening has its share of such myths—some with discernible origins in history, others that have become established for no obvious reason—and they often obscure simpler and easier methods of working. This delightfully illustrated book reveals how common sense triumphs and crops are more successful when these “rules” are overturned. This fascinating and practical book will save the seasoned gardener time, money, and unnecessary effort and give new gardeners heart.

Contributor Bio
Charles Dowding is a veteran organic grower, having practiced no-dig gardening for 30 years. He is the author of Charles Dowding’s Vegetable Course, How to Grow Winter Vegetables, and Organic Gardening; contributes articles to many magazines, including Gardeners’ World, Gardens Illustrated, and Grow It!; gives regular talks; and runs gardening courses. He has appeared on radio and television, including BBC TV’s Gardeners’ World.

Make Your Own Fairy Garden
Clare Beaton

Summary
Create your own magical fairy garden, color and cut out 26 fairy figures, read facts about fairy lore and famous fairies, and use simple instructions to make fairy costumes and food, a wand, and flowers.

Contributor Bio
Clare Beaton is a children’s author and illustrator whose books include Clare Beaton’s Nursery Rhymes and One Moose, Twenty Mice.
## Plants: From Roots to Riches

**Kathy Willis**

**Summary**

Tie-in to the landmark 25-part BBC Radio 4 series with Kew Gardens. The peculiarly British obsession with gardens goes back a long way, and *Plants: From Roots to Riches* takes readers back to where it all began. Across 25 vivid episodes, Kathy Willis, Kew’s charismatic Head of Science, will show how the last 250 years transformed Britain’s relationship with plants. Behind the scenes at the Botanical Gardens all kinds of surprising things have been going on. As the British Empire painted the atlas red, explorers, adventurers, and scientists brought the most interesting specimens and information back to London. From the discovery of Botany Bay to the horrors of the potato famine, from orchid hunters to quinine smugglers, from Darwin’s experiments to the unexpected knowledge unlocked by the 1987 hurricane, understanding how plants work has changed the UK’s history and could safeguard their future. In the style of *A History of the World in 100 Objects*, each chapter tells a separate story, but, gathered together, a great picture unfolds, of a remarkable science, botany. *Plants: From Roots ...*

**Contributor Bio**

**Kathy Willis** is director of science at Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. She is also professor of long-term ecology and a fellow of Merton College, both at Oxford University. Winner of several awards, she has spent over 20 years researching and teaching biodiversity and conservation at Oxford and Cambridge. **Carolyn Fry** is the former editor of *Geographical*, the magazine of the Royal Geographic Society, and has traveled the world in search of stories. She has written five successful books, including the acclaimed *Plant Hunters*.

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## Garden Life

**Richard Unsworth**

**Summary**

A gardening book with soul by renowned garden designer Richard Unsworth, featuring stunning gardens he has created, and providing expert advice on everything from how to transform your own garden to how to grow your own veggies. *Garden Life* is a gardening book with soul, in which Richard Unsworth, leading landscape designer and co-owner of renowned outdoor store, Garden Life, shares his boundless enthusiasm for all things green. This book showcases to-die-for gardens Richard has designed—from the grounds of a harbor side mansion to inner-city courtyard, from coastal retreat to suburban backyard—each one displaying his unique flair and flawless vision. He gives expert tips on incorporating features from his gardens into your own, and detailed advice on plant selection, including growing your own fruit and veggies. Equally passionate about the power of gardening to help us connect with one another, Richard also shares the garden journeys of the people he has met along the way. A celebration of nature and her gifts, and of the joys and challenges of creating a beautiful garden, *Garden ...*

**Contributor Bio**

**Richard Unsworth** is a leading garden designer and is *Garden Editor* and a contributing writer for *Belle* magazine. He also the owner of Sydney’s iconic outdoor store, Garden Life.
Lady Mayo's Garden
The Diary of a Lost 19th Century Irish Landscape
Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Caroline Clifton-Mogg, Ge...

Summary
A diary and collection of accompanying watercolors throw rare light on a hitherto unpublished great garden at an important time in its history

Geraldine, Countess of Mayo made an exquisite and extremely important garden in Ireland between 1890 and 1925, when she had to leave the family estate. The garden was subsequently completely destroyed. Her gardening diaries span more than 30 years. They are brought together here with watercolors of the gardens and the plants she brought from all over the world, evoking a paradise now gone forever. The diaries are a lively insight into the world of gardening at the turn of the 20th century—the problems she faced, the triumphs, and the disasters. The watercolors, done at the time by her father, are immensely accomplished, and because they have never been kept in the light are as fresh and bright as the day they were executed. Lady Mayo is an engaging reporter who was genuinely passionate about her creation and this comes through in everything she writes, while the watercolors, many painted on the pages of her diary, are truly exceptional.

Contributor Bio
Kildare Bourke-Borrowes is a direct descendant of Lady Mayo. Caroline Clifton-Mogg is the author of many articles and books on interior design and decoration, including The Comforts of Home, The Curtain Book: A Sourcebook, and French Country Living. Gerald Ponsonby is the father of Geraldine, Countess of Mayo. He is an illustrator.

Garden Design
Inspiration and Ideas
Andrew Mikolajski

Summary
Andrew Mikolajski’s Garden Design offers a complete breakdown of the process involved in creating a garden, from making an initial assessment of the site’s possibilities to applying design principles and choosing plants and landscaping materials. It is aimed at amateurs who have no previous knowledge of garden-making, but will also be of value to professionals entering the trade. Most books on garden design are either very technical or are predominantly picture books. This manual is different. A lively and provocative read, it is full of handy hints and tips for creating the perfect outdoor environment. Readers are encouraged to explore and question established ideas about good garden design, and will be sure to grow in confidence as they learn how to make informed decisions about every aspect of the garden design process.

Contributor Bio
Andrew Mikolajski worked as a music critic, but developed an interest in gardening and has worked on several RHS reference projects that brought him into contact with expert gardeners and nurserymen. He is the author of The Illustrated World Encyclopedia of Apples and Pruning Plant by Plant. He has taught the RHS certificate and garden design at Warwickshire College, as well as leading day courses on aspects of design, garden history, and practical gardening at Lamport Hall, Farncombe Estate, and the English Gardening School at Chelsea Physic Garden.
**Outwitting Squirrels** (3rd Edition)  
**101 Cunning Stratagems to Reduce Dramatically the Egregious Misappropriation of Seed from Your Birdfeeder by Squirrels**  
Bill Adler

**Summary**

Bird-loving Americans share a common problem: squirrels! These fast, greedy, incredibly crafty, fluffy-tailed rodents pilfer birdfeeders before owners’ very eyes. For 25 years, Outwitting Squirrels has been leading the charge to help bird lovers defend their feeders. This classic defense manual for the besieged birder has been fully updated to deal with the more tech-savvy twenty-first-century squirrel. It provides 101 cunning strategies, both serious and hilarious, for outsmarting these furry, but not so cute, creatures. Adler discusses the different bird personalities and the best seed to attract them. He rates birdfeeders based upon how squirrel-proof, or squirrel-vexing, they are and discusses creative antisquirrel structures and devices. Spooker poles, Perrier bottles, baffled fishing line, Teflon spray, Vaseline, water bombs, cayenne pepper, and Nixalite—the author has tried them all, and here he regales intrepid bird feeders with his squirrel-thwarting adventures and misadventures.

**Contributor Bio**

Bill Adler Jr. is the author of more than 20 books including *How to Negotiate Like a Child: Unleash the Little Monster Within to Get Everything You Want* and *Boys and Their Toys: Understanding Men by Understanding Their Relationship with Gadgets*. In his spare time, he studies Japanese and flies airplanes.

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**Food from Your Forest Garden**  
**How to Harvest, Cook and Preserve Your Forest Garden Produce**  
Martin Crawford, Caroline Aitken

**Summary**

Forest gardening—a novel method of growing edible crops in different vertical layers—is attracting increased interest for gardens large and small. When it comes time to harvest, however, making the most out of the produce can be a daunting proposition. This expert guide offers readers creative and imaginative ways to enjoy the crops from their forest garden, from bamboo shoots and beech leaves to medlars and mashua. The book provides cooking advice and recipe suggestions, with notes on every species presented in Martin Crawford’s *Creating a Forest Garden*. More than 100 recipes for more than 50 species are presented by season, as are a range of raw food options. Information on each plant’s nutritional value is also included, as is advice on harvesting and processing. Readers will also learn how to preserve their produce, whether making traditional jams or ferments and fruit leathers. Beautiful color photographs throughout make this invaluable guide an eye-catching resource for readers looking to get the most out of their forest garden.

**Contributor Bio**

Martin Crawford has spent more than 20 years in organic agriculture and horticulture and is director of the Agroforestry Research Trust, a nonprofit charity that researches temperate agroforestry and all aspects of plant cropping and uses, with a focus on tree, shrub, and perennial crops. The Trust produces several publications and a quarterly journal, and sells plants and seeds. He is the author of several books, including *Creating a Forest Garden*, *A Forest Garden Year*, and *How to Grow Perennial Vegetables*. Caroline Aitken is a course cook for a permaculture design course and studied horticulture with the Royal Horticultural Society.
Garden Wisdom
Felicity Hart

Summary
A practical, pocket-sized miscellany packed with useful advice that will appeal to novice and experienced gardeners

"We may think we are nurturing our garden but of course it’s our garden that is nurturing us." —Jenny Uglow

Plant, water, hoe, and prune all the way to the perfect garden with the help of this handy book of gardening wisdom. With advice on everything from growing vegetables to choosing the perfect plants for the flowerbed, along with thought-provoking quotes to inspire and delight, this book will help keep those green fingers busy all year round!

Contributor Bio
Felicity Hart is a gift book author.

Capability Brown
And the Eighteenth-Century English Landscape
Roger Turner

Summary
A comprehensive study of the great landscape architect, with 15 of his major works described in full and illustrated with original plans, 18th century pictures, and modern photos

Today he is credited with laying out every piece of parkland in Britain, while others accuse him of single-handedly sweeping away all the formal gardens that preceded the Landscape Movement. If he was indeed the greatest of all designers of man-made landscapes, how should we properly understand and appreciate his work and legacy? The author follows an introduction to the culture and society of 18th-century England by tracing the rise of the Landscape Movement. He then provides a carefully researched account of Lancelot Brown’s humble origins and rising fortunes, his marriage and family, and the course of his career and mounting fame and recognition, culminating in his appointment as Master Gardener to George III. For those whose interests lie in understanding the history of gardening, landscape design, or 18th-century society there is much to be found here, but equally this book will sharpen the appreciation ...

Contributor Bio
Roger Turner is an architect and award-winning landscape designer. His books include Design in the Plant Collector’s Garden: From Chaos to Beauty.
**Garden**
Katie Dicker

**Summary**
*Garden* encourages children to investigate a garden whatever the weather—from planting seeds in spring to feeding birds in winter. Children are introduced to gardening tools and techniques, and to the creatures found near ponds, grass, flowers, and soil. They are also encouraged to use the garden as a place to play and to enjoy time with family and friends.

**Contributor Bio**
*Katie Dicker* is a children's educational author.

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**Gardening in Pyjamas**
Horticultural enlightenment for obsessive dawn raiders
Helen Yemm

**Summary**
This is the perfect book for you if you are one of the many people who feel that gardening could be your ultimate pleasure if only you knew just that little bit more about it. The *Daily Telegraph*’s much-loved columnist Helen Yemm manages to strike a happy balance between giving you enough information to get you going and not so much that it scares you or puts you off entirely. She dispenses invaluable advice, minus the mumbo jumbo, with refreshing humour and a clear understanding that not everyone has the wherewithal, in terms of time and finances, to spend every possible moment in the garden.

So if you find yourself padding about your plot in your nightclothes without really knowing what to do, *Gardening in Pyjamas* will provide you with all the essential facts to nurture your growing passion.

**Contributor Bio**
*Helen Yemm* has been fielding readers’ gardening problems through her weekly light-hearted but essentially practical *Daily Telegraph* column for more than a decade. She is the author of *Grow Your Own Flowers*. 
The Harvest Kitchen
A Year of Flavour on an Organic Farm
Christine Stevens

Summary
Building upon the philosophy of taking food straight from the garden and into the kitchen, *The Harvest Kitchen* brings recipes to ensure good, quick (not fast) food with minimal effort. Featuring food background with a dash of growing advice, personal anecdotes, and practical knowledge, each recipe is tried and tested and deliciously tasty. Christine Stevens shares tricks for keeping the pantry full of things to ensure healthy, delicious meals, offering a glimpse into the kitchen of an organic farm and exploring an organic lifestyle. Proving that the tastiest meals are often the simplest, the book features advice on what to plant and grow, when to harvest, what to freeze or dry, and what to bottle.

Contributor Bio
Christine Stevens is a former fashion designer who now lives and works on Eikenbosch Farm in South Africa—an organic farm where she makes award-winning organic wines, grows a wide selection of fruit and vegetables, and writes about food. She is the author of *Harvest: Recipes from an Organic Farm*.

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Encyclopedia of Conifers
A Comprehensive Guide to Cultivars and Species
Aris G. Auders, Derek P. Spicer

Summary
Covering all recognized conifer cultivars and species, both hardy and tropical, the two volumes of this extensive and lavishly illustrated book feature names, synonyms, and brief descriptions—as well as information about height and spread after 10 years, where known—for more than 8,000 cultivars and all of the world’s 615 conifer species, plus their subspecies and varieties. The descriptive text is complemented by thousands of color photographs taken specifically for this encyclopedia. The species descriptions follow the most recent botanical classification, with reference to the Royal Horticultural Society International Conifer Register and Checklist, including as-of-yet unpublished data.

Contributor Bio
Aris G. Auders is a conifer collector, a photographer, a writer, and a garden designer. He has one of the largest collections of conifer cultivars in Europe. Derek P. Spicer is a founding member and the chairman of the British Conifer Society. He is also a member of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Woody Plant Committee and the RHS Advisory Subcommittee on Conifer Registration. He has been collecting and propagating conifer species and cultivars on his wholesale conifer nursery since the late 1960s.
The Joy of Allotments
An Illustrated Diary of Plot 19
Caroline Deput

Summary
Humorous and informative, this personal journey follows the seasons on Plot 19 through Caroline Deput’s diary of two years on her garden allotment. Filled with the author’s original color drawings, it evokes the joys as well as the hard work of tending to a garden and the health and psychological benefits of growing food for oneself. Relating how her garden is the perfect place to go to escape the worries of daily life, Caroline’s entries follow the different rhythms of the seasons and her absorption in the tasks that need to be done: from spring as she plants with high hopes, to summers spent harvesting her first crop, to the autumn chores of sowing for the early Spring harvest. Gardeners in any locale will share in her—often misplaced—eternal optimism as she keeps her allotment sufficiently weeded, watered, and hoed to grow vegetables with such alluring names as Lady Balfour, Bull’s Blood, and Hurst Green Shaft.

Contributor Bio
Caroline Deput is an avid gardener who has worked in advertising for 25 years.

A Gardener's Guide to Snowdrops
Freda Cox

Summary
Snowdrops are one of the best loved, most popular, and widely grown of all bulbous plants. A Gardener’s Guide to Snowdrops celebrates their beauty and magical annual resurrection, and describes the 20 known species and more than 1,500 named snowdrops that are available to gardeners.

Contributor Bio
Freda Cox is an artist and writer with a passion for plants and gardens. Well known for botanical paintings, she regularly contributes to numerous publications. She was for many years UK branch head of the Mediterranean Garden Society. A committed galanthophile with a modest collection of snowdrops, her main love is seeing massive colonies naturalized in the wild.
The Duchess of Northumberland's Little Book of Poisons, Potions and Aphrodisiacs

Summary
From the creator of the world-famous Poison Garden at Alnwick Castle

Combining the fascinating archive of the first Duchess of Northumberland with the expertise of Jane, the present Duchess and the creator of the famous Poison Garden at Alnwick Castle, this illustrated gift book tells the story of the poison found within the plants that grow wild across Britain's countryside and the medicinal potions that derive from them. Based on the information gleaned from the Poison Garden and the *Household Books* of the first Duchess of Northumberland, the reader will learn the secrets, past and present, of the poisonous and curative properties of these plants and the more unusual varieties that have been cultivated and planted for centuries. Beautifully illustrated, this is the ideal gift for those with an interest in the wild plants of Britain and for those with an interest in poison and potions.

Contributor Bio
**The Duchess of Northumberland** is the mistress of Alnwick Castle and the author of *The Poison Diaries*.

Let's Look at the Garden
Sabine Krawczyk

Summary
The garden is full of plant and animal life. See a butterfly and a ladybird through a magnifying glass in the transparent pages of this book.

Contributor Bio
**Sabine Krawczyk** is the author of *Let's Look at Insects, Let's Look Inside Pyramids*, and *Let's Look at the Zoo by Night*.
Design Ideas for Your Garden
Jacq Barber

Summary
Inspiration from the UK's finest gardens is paired with practical information on how to apply design elements and planting styles to suit any garden or space.

From the grand lakes at Stowe and the sculpted yew hedges at Powys Castle through to the wildflowers at Thomas Hardy's cottage and the herb-filled kitchen garden at Avebury Manor, the gardens of the National Trust are a fantastic source of inspiration for gardeners of any level. This book shows how different elements in the National Trust's gardens can be applied to any garden, whether it is large space or just a window box. National Trust head gardeners provide unique insights and tips throughout, explaining how to apply their expertise to reinterpret a garden while still retaining one's own individual creative style. There are chapters covering how to introduce design elements of structure and texture, what to plant in each season to bring color, various water elements, pots and containers, delicious edible planting, and wild gardens that will thrive throughout the year. This practical guide is a sumptuously illustrated, inspir...

Contributor Bio
Jacq Barber is a gardener, design historian, and freelance writer and lecturer. She spent nearly a decade working for the National Trust, visiting many of the gardens featured in this book.

The Hedgerow Cookbook
100 Delicious Recipes for Wild Food
Wild at Heart

Summary
A guide to gathering edible plants in the wild and using them creatively in many different recipes—jams, jellies, relishes, baking, fruit cordials and liqueurs, and more.

Seasonal, local and wild foods—they're free, fun, and very tasty! Harvesting produce from the hedgerows, meadows, and woods rather than just visiting the supermarket is rewarding and economical. The joy of turning nature's bounty into delicious produce to enjoy with the family or to use to make a lovely gift is being rediscovered in kitchens of today. This book demonstrates how easy it is to use one's "harvest" in lots of different ways. Those who are fed up with just making jam can try fruit leather, cheese, rose petal syrup, or a wickedly alcoholic drink instead. The book covers flowers and hips (elderflowers, dandelions, and roses); berries (blackberries, elderberries, bilberries, wild raspberries, wild strawberries, rowan berries, and berry mixtures); fruit with stones (wild plums and damsons, sloes, wild cherries); fruit with pips (crab apples, quinces, medlars); nuts (hazelnuts, chestnuts, walnuts); and leaves (...}

Contributor Bio
Wild at Heart is a small business set up by Ginny Knox and Caro Willson to make a range of award-winning jellies, relishes, and fruit cheeses based on traditional recipes and using wild, native, or ancient fruits.
**Hertfordshire**  
*A Landscape History*  
Anne Rowe, Tom Williamson

**Summary**  
Dividing the county of Hertfordshire into four broad regions—the “champion” countryside in the north, the Chiltern dip slope to the west, the fertile boulder clays of the east, and the unwelcoming London Clay in the south—this volume explains how, in the course of the middle ages, natural characteristics influenced the development of land use and settlement to create a range of distinctive landscapes. The great diversity of Hertfordshire’s landscapes makes it a particularly rewarding area of study. Variations in farming economies, in patterns of trade and communication, as well as in the extent of London’s influence, have all played a part during the course of the postmedieval centuries, and Hertfordshire’s continuing evolution is followed into the 21st century. Lavishly illustrated with maps and photographs, this authoritative work is invaluable reading for all those with an interest in the history, archaeology, and natural transformation of this fascinating county.

**Contributor Bio**  
*Anne Rowe* is a landscape historian and author of a number of books on the subject, including *Hertfordshire Garden History: A Miscellany* and *Medieval Parks of Hertfordshire*. She has coordinated the research work of the Hertfordshire Gardens Trust since 1998, and also teaches courses in landscape and garden history for the Institute of Continuing Education of the University of Cambridge. *Tom Williamson* is professor of landscape history at the University of East Anglia, where he heads the Landscape Group. He is the author of *Ancient Trees in the Landscape: Norfolk’s Arboreal Heritage*, *The Origins of Hertfordshire*, and *William Faden and Norfolk’s Eighteenth Century Landscape: A Digital Re-assessment of His Historic Map*.

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**Christine Walkden’s No-Nonsense Container Gardening**  
Christine Walkden

**Summary**  
Using containers or pots as a base for your gardening is so versatile - try making an eye-catching design feature by growing herbs in a zinc bucket, growing spring bulbs in a pretty olive oil can on your patio or growing a complete salad in some old tyres. Growing your own containers is both rewarding and fun. This book is packed with Christine’s tips and techniques, from planting to deter pests to choosing the right container for the right crop, along with handy advice on feeding and watering, knowing when to harvest and treating common diseases. All the projects included are perfect for beginners and provide inspiration for the more experienced gardener; there are even ideas to turn little fingers green.

**Contributor Bio**  
*Christine Walkden* is best known for her own BBC series, *Christine’s Garden*, broadcast in 2007. Since then she has gathered a small cult status due to her no-nonsense approach to gardening. Christine is the resident gardening expert on the *One Show*, has presented *BBC’s Gardeners World*, and is a regular panelist on BBC Radio 4’s *Gardener’s Question Time*, and various other tv and radio programmes and is a past winner of the Garden Writers’ Guild Radio Broadcasting Award. She has written *A Year in Christine’s Garden - The Secret Diary of a Garden Lover*, *The Houseplant Almanac*, and has a column in *Amateur Gardening* magazine. Christine also appeared as a guest on the December 2008 special of *Shooting Stars*.
Pest Control for the Smallholder
David Bezzant

Summary
Among the many challenges facing the contemporary smallholder who keeps livestock and grows his own food, is how to deal with the various pests that are capable of decimating crops, degrading pasture, stealing produce, contaminating animal feed, and killing valuable livestock. This book provides the smallholder with the knowledge and the information about the skills to meet this challenge in an effective and humane way. It considers all the major pests faced by smallholders including rats, house and field mice, grey squirrels, moles, rabbits, deer, foxes, mink, wood pigeons, crows, and rooks. It discusses each pest in detail, arguing that it is essential for the smallholder to understand their characteristics and behavior in order to control them successfully; and it emphasizes that “prevention is better than cure,” identifying a variety of measures designed to thwart, rather than kill, pests. Both traditional and modern pest control methods are covered here, including traps, poisons, air rifles, dogs, ferrets, electric fencing, bird scarers, wildlife deterrents and repellents, autom...

Contributor Bio
David Bezzant has spent most of his adult life in smallholdings of various sizes and has kept traditional breeds of sheep, pigs, goats, and poultry. Pursuing an interest in old-fashioned forms of pest control, he is an expert on the use of ferrets and working terriers and is the author of two books published by Crowood on the subject: Rabbit Terriers: Their Work and Training and Hunting with Ferrets.

Dig for Victory

Summary
Wise words for gardeners

"It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a home-grown tomato.” —Lewis Grizzard

The World War II slogan is still pertinent in these thrift times as more people than ever are turning to self-sufficiency and growing their own fruit and vegetables. This little compendium is packed with tips and hints on how to make the most of your garden along with witty quotations to help you dig for victory.

Contributor Bio
Summersdale is one of the UK’s top independent nonfiction publishers.
**Sustainable Food**
Michael Mobbs

**Summary**
In this companion book to the bestselling *Sustainable House*, attention is turned to reducing the carbon emissions associated with growing, processing, transporting, selling, and disposing of food. Using the author's personal experiences as its anchor, this handbook contains practical advice on establishing community and backyard vegetable gardens, keeping chooks (chickens) and bees, and reducing water usage, along with insights into dealing with councils, sideling supermarkets, and what people eat and why. A template is provided for those wishing to learn sustainability measures and put them into practice.

**Contributor Bio**
*Michael Mobbs* is a professor of environmental law and policy at the University of Technology in Sydney. With an interest in sustainable design for more than 30 years, he has advised the government, private sectors, and community groups on issues such as technology, design, environmental law, and policy. He is the author of *Sustainable House* and the owner of an environmental design consultancy company.

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**Growing Up the Wall**
How to Grow Food in Vertical Places, On Roofs, and In Small Spaces
Sue Fisher

**Summary**
Grow up! If you have limited outdoor space and would like to grow your food, this invaluable guide will help you transform previously plant-free zones into thriving, beneficial, and utterly beautiful food-growing areas. Using special containers, you can grow a wide range of edible crops—and grab a salad for lunch without getting your feet wet. The book covers using a wide variety of containers and details how to make them; making the most of wall boxes and hanging baskets; creating edible roof gardens; planning and growing crops on green roofs, including on sheds; and a directory of plants suitable for vertical growing.

**Contributor Bio**
*Sue Fisher* is a garden writer and designer. She is author of several books, including *Essential Plants for Small Garden, The Hanging Garden, Gardening for Dummies, Making the Most of Climbing Plants,* and *Organic Gardening for Dummies.*
The Rose
Jennifer Potter

Summary
Now available in a small gift format—a vividly written and lavishly illustrated history of the Queen of Flowers, for fans of Anna Pavord's The Tulip and Andrea Wulf's The Brothers Gardener

Ever since Sappho planted roses at the shrine of Aphrodite, no flower has captured the imagination in quite the same way. Here, the acclaimed horticultural historian Jennifer Potter sets out on a quest to uncover the life of a flower that has been viewed so heterogeneously by different cultures in different countries across the centuries. Beginning her story in the Greek and Roman empires, she travels across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas to unravel its evolution from a simple briar of the northern hemisphere to the height of cultivated perfection found in rose gardens today. Whether laying bare the flower's long association with sexuality and secret societies, questioning the Crusaders' role in bringing roses back from the Holy Land, or hunting for its elusive blooms in the gardens of the Empress Josephine at Malmaison, Jennifer Potter reveals why this flower, above all others, ha...

Contributor Bio

A Gardener's Miscellany
Isobel Carlson

Summary
Garden lovers everywhere will be inspired by this miscellany of quotations, poems, and beautiful prose celebrating the natural world

"What a desolate place would be a world without a flower! It would be a face without a smile, a feast without a welcome." —A. J. Balfour

From Jane Austen to Rudyard Kipling, this charming collection covers every aspect of horticulture, from the simple satisfaction of harvesting produce to admiring the humble daisy.

Contributor Bio
Isobel Carlson is the author of Trugs, Dibbers, Trowels and Twine; Words from the Garden; and Words of Love.
**The Gardeners' Book**

*Age-Old Advice and Tips for the Garden*

Diana Craig

**Summary**

Famous gardeners, what gardening catalog lingo really means, the lowdown on snugs and snails—this reference is the green-thumbed friend that every novice gardener needs.

This guide is packed with useful tips, surprising ideas, and amusing anecdotes, and is perfect for embarking on a new project, or just for inspiration on how to rejuvenate or improve an existing garden. A celebration of the wonderful and ancient art of gardening, this is also a compendium of practical tips. It includes gardening lore and history; garden games; ideas for making a garden the most impressive on the block; how to make and nurture a compost heap; when to sow a lawn; how to keep tools in pristine condition; and, advice on planning a garden to maximum effect. From allotment gardening to tending the topiary and from greenhouse to greenfly, this handy book will inspire and spur growers on to greater things.

**Contributor Bio**

Diana Craig is an author and editor with a particular interest in nature.

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**The Garden Cook**

*Grow, Cook and Eat With Kids*

Fiona Inglis

**Summary**

Former MasterChef Australia contestant Fiona Inglis is passionate about food, whether she’s growing, cooking, or eating it. As a primary school teacher working within the framework of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, Fiona is also passionate about sharing her enthusiasm, knowledge, and skills with her students and with children everywhere. This beautifully photographed and illustrated book, with more than 70 easy-to-follow recipes, is intended for 8 to 13-year olds, their parents, and anyone interested in growing and cooking good food. The recipes include dual measurements.

**Contributor Bio**

Fiona Inglis was a finalist on the first series of MasterChef Australia, and has pursued a career in teaching.
The Vegetable Patch
Tips and Advice for Growing Your Own
Isobel Carlson

Summary
Practical and attractive with space to make notes, this is the book to read before starting to garden and includes a green placemarker ribbon

Get inspired to grow fruit, vegetables, and herbs with this practical and accessible guide to seasonal edible planting. With diary pages to recording notes, this pocket-sized companion is an indispensable piece of gardening kit for the green-fingered—homemade produce never tasted so good!

Contributor Bio
Isobel Carlson is the author of A Gardener's Miscellany; Trugs, Dibbers, Trowels and Twine; Words from the Garden; and Words of Love.

The Glory of the Garden
A Horticultural Celebration
Country Life

Summary
Gardening writing goes to the heart of the iconic brand that is Country Life. Gertrude Jekyll, the doyenne of gardening art, was a driving force at the birth of Country Life in 1897, and set the standard for some of the best English gardening writing. The influence of this writing on twentieth century English garden design is hard to overestimate. Yet here all is presented in accessible articles and choice photos.

Within the pages of The Glory of the Garden you can trace the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement, the Edwardian revolution in garden design, the Italianate obsessions and the eccentric longing for an Olde English style. Every article resonates with period charm, historical detail and still-relevant instruction.

Contributor Bio
Country Life magazine has set the standard for the illustrated periodical since its birth in 1897. World-renowned for the quality of its writing and the comprehensiveness of its archive, it has charted, with charm and humor, all aspects of rural life in Britain. For the first time, its entire archive has been made available, and the selections in this series provide an enticing snapshot of the riches within.
Organic Gardening (3rd Edition)
The Natural No-dig Way
Charles Dowding

Summary
In this book, Charles Dowding shares the wealth of his experience, explaining his approach to soil and plants and revealing the range of techniques that have enabled him to grow healthy and vibrant crops for decades. His success is based on a key principle of “no dig”—not digging. This enhances soil structure and encourages healthy growth, especially when soil life is encouraged and multiplied through the addition of good compost and manure. Based on this approach and his use of a system of permanent, slightly raised beds, Dowding shows, in this book, how to grow a delicious variety of fruit and vegetables: what to choose; when to sow, plant, and harvest; and how best to avoid pests and diseases.

Contributor Bio
Charles Dowding has been growing organic vegetables commercially for 30 years, without soil cultivation. He is the author of How to Grow Winter Vegetables and Salad Leaves. He also writes articles for several gardening publications, lectures, and runs courses on how best to look after soil and plants.

Adagio
Living & Gardening Mindfully
Trisha Dixon

Summary
A charming treatise on slow gardening and the importance of slowing down and enjoying life

Encouraging readers to stop and enjoy life through slow gardening, this book also has an environmental message regarding living ethically and sustainably. The author seamlessly blends personal anecdote with musings and facts, drawing on her gardening background and her wide-ranging interests in philosophy, music, art, nature, and the environment. This book will appeal to gardeners and dreamers alike—anyone who yearns for a more environmentally-attune life.

Contributor Bio
Trisha Dixon is on the board of the Powerhouse Museum and national management committee of the Australian Garden History Society. She gives a large number of lectures, radio interviews, and writes many magazine and newspaper articles on garden-related subjects.
**Hot Beds**

*How to Grow Early Crops Using an Age-Old Technique*

Jack First

**Summary**

The ancient method of growing vegetables in hot beds, used by the Victorians and by the Romans, harnesses the natural process of decay to cultivate out-of-season crops. Jack First has revived and modernized this remarkable technique, and produces healthy vegetables at least two months earlier than conventionally grown crops. This practical guide includes everything you need to know in order to use this highly productive, low-cost, year-round, eco-friendly gardening system. Straightforward explanations and diagrams show how you too can grow early vegetables without fossil-fuel energy or elaborate equipment.

**Contributor Bio**

*Jack First* is an experienced horticulturalist who has pioneered, developed, and fully tested hot bed gardening methods. His hot beds have been featured on BBC TV’s *Gardener’s World*. He works with volunteers on a large plot in Keighley, Yorkshire, and is the sole supplier to his local whole-food shop of out-of-season greens, new potatoes, and salads.

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**Growing for Food and Colour**

Graham Clarke

**Summary**

How to cultivate fruits, vegetables, and herbs right alongside flowers

From salads and root crops to apples, cucumbers, squashes, and strawberries, home-grown food is currently being enjoyed in ever-increasing quantities. And why not? Growing your own provides exercise and nutritious food, and gardeners can choose their favorite varieties for taste or yield. But what about those who want to grow their own, but perhaps have a small garden, and do not want to lose its decorative appeal? This book demonstrates that the beauty of the garden can be enhanced rather than compromised by productive plants. Following the advice here will enable the reader to enjoy home-grown food that is fresher, healthier, and tastier—but which also looks fantastic.

**Contributor Bio**

*Graham Clarke* is a former Buckingham Palace gardener and has been a gardening writer and journalist for 30 years. He has written 15 books, including *Indoor Plants*, *The Organic Fruit and Vegetable Gardener’s Year*, and *Water Gardening*.
**Garden on Top**
*Unique Ideas for Roof Gardens/Designing Gardens on the Highest Level*
Barbara P. Meister

**Summary**
*Gardening on a higher plane—a showcase of the best rooftop gardens from across the globe*
An exploration of rooftop gardening, this book gives insight into the urban phenomenon by presenting the best work from world-renowned architects and garden designers. Examining the challenges rooftop gardens face—sun, rain, storms, and a lack of ground beneath the roots—this book studies rooftop gardens in five continents. Furthermore, it explores all the appropriate accoutrements that ought to accompany a modern rooftop garden, such as contemporary materials, trendy furniture, modern light installations, and of course, tried and tested plants.

**Contributor Bio**
Barbara P. Meister is a trained garden and landscape designer, engineer, qualified teacher, and communications manager.

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**Food@Home**
Christine Dann

**Summary**
*Demonstrating how individuals can grow their own supply of everyday ingredients to produce affordable and easy meals year round that are both healthy and sustainable.*
Food@Home also explains the significance of emerging “foodways” in modern society and details trends such as the Slow Food Movement. Not only does the book enable gardeners and cooks to better understand what can be readily available to them from their own gardens, it also includes satisfying and delicious recipes. From the rediscovery of home food gardening traditions in New Zealand to farmers’ markets and organic orchards, this account proves that anyone can enjoy sustainable home cooking.

**Contributor Bio**
Christine Dann is an independent researcher and the author of *A Cottage Garden Cook Book* and *Cottage Gardening in New Zealand*. 
**Growing to a Ripe Old Age**  
*50 Years in the Garden*  
Edward Enfield

**Summary**

*A warm, humorous tale of one's man long relationship with his garden*

Gardens, in my view, often involve too much gardening. This is partly to do with the nature of human beings, who will make a competition out of anything if they possibly can.

Edward Enfield has only ever had one garden, but his dealings with it have extended more than half a century. He came to his three-quarters of an acre knowing nothing about growing anything, and this book is an account of his horticultural successes and failures, inventions and frustrations, discoveries and developments. With wry humor, he leads us through the thorny subject of roses, counts the blessings of keeping chickens, and exposes the perfidy of gardening copywriters, while offering wise and witty tips on how best to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

**Contributor Bio**

Edward Enfield *is the author of Dawdling by the Danube, Downhill All the Way, Greece on My Wheels, and Old Age and How to Survive It.*

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**The Garden at Highgrove**  
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Candida Lycett Green

**Summary**

*A glimpse inside Prince Charles' Highgrove home with its extraordinary garden*

The Prince of Wales describes here how he has created one of the great gardens of our time. When he bought Highgrove House in 1981, the surroundings consisted of a brown path which ran around the house, a lawn, and a few thorn bushes. He explains how he has transformed the land adjoining the house into several exquisite gardens which embody his gardening ideals and organic principles. He discusses how—with help from some of Britain's finest designers, including The Marchioness of Salisbury, Rosemary Verey, Miriam Rothschild, and Sir Roy Strong—he has created highly individual gardens which have now, with his own ideas, reached maturity. He describes the thinking behind each garden, the mistakes and the triumphs, and his plans for the future. Lavishly illustrated with photographs which capture both the scope and detail of each garden, this book will delight and inspire both gardeners and horticulturalists at every level. It also features planting lists and information on the organic principles on which the ga...

**Contributor Bio**

HRH The Prince of Wales spent 11 years turning his Cotswold estate into a model of environmentally benign farming and gardening. Candida Lycett Green has published 12 books, including *English Cottages*, and introduced and edited two volumes of the letters of her father, Sir John Betjeman.
**Greenhouse Gardening**  
Peter Blackburne-Maze

**Summary**  
**A practical guide packed with advice and tips on how to get the most from your greenhouse**

By first looking at the design and site of the greenhouse, this guide leads the gardener through the joys and opportunities of growing a wide range of plants, both edible and ornamental, under glass, which would be impossible in the open. It offers guidance on the types of greenhouses and systems available, advice on organizing and displaying plants, techniques for propagating plants, tips on controlling pests and diseases, a gardening calendar to follow with seasonal jobs explained, and recommended plants to try.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Peter Blackburne-Maze** has spent his working life in horticulture. After many years growing hardy top and soft fruit, he moved to ornamental gardening, starting in the open and then working under glass. He is now a regular lecturer, judge, and author.

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**Wrinklies' Guide to Gardening**  
Guy Croton, Bob Flowerdew, Brian Alexander

**Summary**  
**The perfect companion for old-timers who know that you don't need to be "green" in order to have a green thumb**

Cultivating a garden means cultivating one's senior health and well-being, while growing all kinds of good things along the way. This book offers acres of tried and tested tips and advice that will break neither back nor bank. It provides practical information on soil preparation, gardening gear, and planting techniques, as well as chapters devoted to those old wrinkly favorites, the greenhouse and patio pots and containers. If it's a perfect swath of green that you're after to make you the envy of your wrinkly friends (and foes) then this book fits the bill, covering lawns, borders, growing fruit and vegetables, and much more, for every bored wrinkly's delight.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Guy Croton** has written and contributed to a number of home-computing and internet books. He has worked with top brands such as Good Housekeeping and Marks and Spencer, and is the author of *The Wrinklies' Guide to Home Computing*. **Brian Alexander** has written and contributed to hundreds of books on many different practical subjects including art, photography, gardening, sports, and DIY. He has worked with top brands such as Good Housekeeping and Marks and Spencer, and has contributed to RHS Wisley's Experts Gardener's Advice series.
A Gardener's Guide to Bulbs
Christine Skelmersdale

Summary
A detailed practical reference for gardeners, bulb enthusiasts, botanical artists, and botanists, arranged by season
Bulbs are always a delight for gardeners, whether used to burst freely in drifts or caught to add color and exuberance within a border or container. This book captures that sense of joy by celebrating the potential of bulbs throughout the year. It gives practical advice on choosing and growing bulbs, including how and where to grow, and planting for succession. It provides a detailed listing of the most common and interesting bulbs, ideas for the ordinary gardener, and includes detailed reference for the more experienced.

Contributor Bio
Christine Skelmersdale has run a nursery specializing in smaller bulbs, woodland, and foliage plants for 30 years. She writes for such publications as the Daily Telegraph, the Garden, and Gardeners' World Magazine.

Easy Organic Gardening and Moon Planting
Lyn Bagnall

Summary
A practicable and better alternative to chemical-dependent and environmentally unsustainable cultivation practices, organic gardening prevents soil damage and results in more nutritious food as well as fewer contaminated waterways and poison-resistant pests. Written by a certified-organic farmer and gardener, this book is an indispensable reference to organic cultivation methods in addition to an easy-to-follow moon-planting guide—which lists the best planting, harvesting, and pruning days from 2012 to 2017. Including an extensive listing of native Australian plants and a month-by-month diary of what to plant and when for all climate zones in Australia and New Zealand, it also contains comprehensive information and advice about how to protect the garden from climate change and save water; how to revitalize garden soil and keep it healthy; how to use composting and worm-farming techniques to transform garden and kitchen waste into top-quality, organic fertilizer; how to grow fruits and vegetables in garden beds or pots; and how to raise healthier, pest- and disease-resistant seedlings...

Contributor Bio
Lyn Bagnall is the author of Easy Organic Gardening as well as the Biological Farmers of Australia’s “Organic School Gardens” program for Australian primary schools.
Creating an Australian Garden
Angus Stewart

Summary
Angus Stewart has worked for decades on selecting and breeding Australian plants to make them more gardener-friendly. *Creating an Australian Garden* not only passes on the knowledge gained from Angus’s extensive experience as a plant breeder, it empowers us all to unlock the secrets of cleverly designed Australian gardens that provide year-round color, vibrant foliage, and havens for wildlife. *Creating an Australian Garden* contains practical tips on planning a garden from scratch, adapting an existing garden, using water-saving methods, creating mounds and raised beds to ensure the drainage many Australian plants require, growing native plants in containers, choosing the best plants for your environment, easy-to-follow basics of soil preparation, and 450 of the best Australian plant varieties, including many that are newly released. Find out how to choose the ideal plants for your climate or create a micro-climate to accommodate the spectacular native plants you’d like to grow. See how versatile native plants can be, becoming part of any garden style you envisage for your backyard. Mo...

Contributor Bio
Angus Stewart’s groundbreaking work with native plants and his appearances on ABC Radio’s *Weekends with Simon Marnie* and ABC TV’s *Gardening Australia* have seen him emerge as Australia’s leading expert when it comes to native plants and their untapped possibilities.

Fruit and Vegetables for Scotland
*What to Grow and How to Grow It*
Ken Cox, Caroline Beaton

Summary
Fruits and vegetables have formed a fundamental part of the Scottish diet for thousands of years. This fascinating and practical book explores the history of fruit, vegetable, and herb growing in Scotland, and provides a contemporary guide to the best techniques for growing produce—whether in a garden, allotment, patio, or window box. Packed with hundreds of color photographs, drawings, and descriptive diagrams, this detailed and comprehensive reference offers advice on climate and soil conditions and shares contact information for organizations, specialist societies, nurseries, suppliers, as well as a list of useful websites.

Contributor Bio
Ken Cox is the managing director of Glendoick Gardens Ltd. and an experienced lecturer on horticulture and plant exploration. Caroline Beaton is a part-time gardener at a therapeutic garden in Perth.
Growing Fruit
Alan Mansfield

Summary
Demystifying fruit growing so that any gardener can succeed at it

Gardeners often worry about growing fruit, seeing it as something that is complicated and best left to the experts, but this is not the case. This practical book cuts through the myth and mystique, and explains the skills and techniques required to produce an abundant and delicious crop. Topics covered include choosing what to grow; planning and preparing the garden; planting, support, and pruning; care and protection; devising a calendar of care; detailed advice on individual fruit categories.

Contributor Bio
Alan Mansfield is a committee member of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Fruit Group and edits the RHS Fruit Group Newsletter.

Breeding New Plants and Flowers (2nd Edition)
Charles Welch

Summary
Breeding New Plants and Flowers encourages gardeners of all abilities to experiment with cross-breeding from good quality parent plants. This accessible book brings the skills of hybridizing within the scope of every gardener, allowing the reader to produce new plants for the garden and placing the possibility of creating a prize-winning plant within reach of all. Topics covered

- The principles of breeding and the processes involved
- Instructions on how to breed a variety of plants, ranging from tomatoes and roses.
- Techniques of pollination, propagation, potting on and planting out
- Advice on selecting good parent plants

Contributor Bio
Charles W. Welch is an award winning plant-breeder, whose new varieties have been exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show and registered in both the UK and the United States. He has spent many years investigating the processes of hybridization in virtually every category of plant life. Several of his new soft fruit varieties are passing through the trials and registration processes, and will be available to the public.
**Garden Friends**
*Ed Ikin*

**Summary**
Make some garden friends—an array of plants, animals, insects, birds, and other wildlife that will help you maintain a happy, healthy outdoor space. Practical advice on which garden friends to encourage—from slug-munching toads to aphid-repelling marigolds—and the small changes needed to your garden to keep them there. Whether you want to experiment with companion planting, pest control, or simply need some plants to do the work for you, gardening in harmony with nature has never been easier. Get the best out of your outside space by calling on your garden “friends.” Introducing helpful wildlife into your garden will help to control pests, maintain a natural chemical-free balance, and encourage your garden to bloom, whether you have a large garden, an allotment, or a simple window box. Some plants are great “friends” and are endlessly useful—sweetpeas are good for regenerating tired soil, for example, while marigolds repel pesky greenfly away from your prized cabbages. Birds and other animals such as hedgehogs, bats, and frogs are also renowned pest-munchers, while bees, butterflies …

**Contributor Bio**
*Ed Ikin* is the Head Gardener at Nymans, the National Trust garden. He is one of their most innovative and energetic gardeners. He is passionate about gardening with nature and was a contributor to the bestselling *Gardening Secrets*.

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**Ornamental Grasses**
*An Essential Guide*
*Cliff Plowes*

**Summary**
Beginners or enthusiasts will find all the information they need to make the most of grasses in their gardens

Ornamental grasses have been used in gardens for hundreds of years yet still they have not fulfilled their potential. Many gardeners know little about their care, use, and attractions. This lavish book contains the essential information needed to grow grasses successfully. It offers detailed information on the family of plants that make up ornamental grasses and advice on their growth habits, answering such questions as *Do they form clumps or run? Can they self-seed?* It also is rich in ideas for using grasses to best effect: borders, containers, naturalistic planting, and one-species block planting. A selection of the best grasses available is detailed, including their heights, spread, and hardiness; a description of their foliage and features; essential information on their care and maintenance; and advice on tackling the few pest and disease problems they have.

**Contributor Bio**
*Cliff Plowes* is a specialist grower of ornamental grasses. He runs a professional nursery which has exhibited ornamental grass displays at all the major flower shows in the UK, being awarded the Royal Horticultural Society gold medal on many occasions.
The Perfect Plot
Starting an allotment from scratch
Kim Sayer

Summary
'Both a practical manual and a magical story that lifts the spirit.' Jonathan Dimbleby

The Perfect Plot paints a vivid picture of how to start an allotment from scratch. Told through the inspirational story of the Cornworthy site, it is a perfect guide for beginners. By following the successes and failures through the seasons of the Cornworthy villagers, budding allotmenteers will learn how they too can set up their own allotment and keep it going and growing.

But this book is not just about the allotment - it is also about a community, a cast of characters who describe in their own words their triumphs and disasters, as well as the new methods and growing techniques (some very surprising) they have discovered along the way. Above all, though, it is the story of a diverse group of people united by a shared passion for growing produce. Welcome to the allotment!

Alan Titchmarsh How to Garden: Small Trees
Alan Titchmarsh

Summary
A guide through the selection and planting processes, plus how to look after trees to ensure optimum performance and maximum impact

Few elements add interest to a garden better than a well-placed tree, and even the smallest of gardens can accommodate one. But trees are long-term investments, so it's worth knowing exactly what you want before you plant. This guide explains how to design with trees and where to plant them as well as the practicalities of location and aspect. It offers ornamental effects for all seasons; covers pests, diseases, and problems; and an illustrated gallery of recommended trees.

Contributor Bio
Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener's Year, The Royal Gardeners, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers' Guild.
Alan Titchmarsh How to Garden: Weekend Gardening

Summary

How to create maximum impact in a garden, with minimal effort

All gardeners aspire to a beautiful garden that suits their lifestyle, but it can be hard to keep on top of the day-to-day care that gardens often require to look their best. Perfect for those who struggle with the workload, who want a space to relax in but aren't especially green-fingered, or for those are simply too busy to get stuck in, this guide shows how to create an achievable garden that lives up to one's dreams with just a few hours of work a week. It explains the basic principles of labor-saving design and offers readers practical projects that can be completed in a weekend, recommended easy-care plants, solutions for difficult sites, and quick-reference seasonal tasks.

Contributor Bio

Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener's Year, The Royal Gardeners, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers' Guild.

The Weeder's Digest

Identifying and Enjoying Edible Weeds

Gail Harland

Summary

This practical and attractive guide to identifying and using the many edible varieties of weed will appeal to gardeners, botanists, and horticulturalists, as well as to anyone with an interest in controlling weeds in eco-friendly ways. The main part of the book provides full details of more than 45 species, with advice on how to identify them and use them in the kitchen; it includes recipe suggestions as well as tips for nonculinary uses. It details both the more common weeds, such as nettles, dandelions, chickweed, and ground elder, and the less common, such as brooklime and pineappleweed. The directory covers both native and nonnative species, including some troublesome invasives. Advice is also given on avoiding plants that are harmful if eaten. With The Weeder's Digest on your bookshelf you can put your weeds to good use; whether for making soup or jam, dyeing fabric or making paper, it's all here.

Contributor Bio

Gail Harland was a state-registered dietitian for more than 10 years. She is a freelance writer and photographer with a regular poultry column in Cage & Aviary Birds magazine, is author of Photographing Your Garden and Grow It Yourself, and coauthor of The Tomato Book.
The Gardener's Friend
A Miscellany of Wit and Wisdom
Lesley Masters

Summary
Garden lore, practical advice, and witty garden quips
"A garden is the best alternative therapy." —Germaine Greer
"It is a golden maxim to cultivate the garden for the nose, and the eyes will take care of themselves." —Robert Louis Stevenson
"Gardening is civil and social, but it wants the vigour and freedom of the forest and the outlaw." —Henry David Thoreau
Seasoned gardeners, urbanites with window boxes, and those who simply have potted plants will savor this miscellany of quotations and prose, interspersed with practical advice on everything from keeping your shed in order to bird spotting. Walking barefoot through the grass and smelling the flowers, harvesting the fruits of your labors, and enjoying an al fresco aperitif on a summer's evening: what could be better?

Contributor Bio
Lesley Masters is a gardener and gift book author.

Medical Growing
A Garden of Peace
Daniel Boughen, Joseph R. Pietri

Summary
Employing proven flower-growing techniques used by commercial greenhouses the world over, the growing of cannabis plants is demystified in this helpful gardening book. The natural cycles and growth of the plant are explained, as is how to sprout seedlings, manage growth and soil, how and when to use nutrients, what to look for when it is flowering and finishing, how to cure, and a little about what cannabis can be used for in day-to-day living. Advising to grow the crop patiently, take notes, and observe results, the book also includes a growth journal that makes keeping track a breeze. Plans for an herb hut are provided to make it easy to build an outdoor greenhouse. Easy-to-use and efficient methods, materials that are inexpensive and easy to find, and explanations that suit the simple truth of the environment are all presented in this all-in-one guide to growing a successful crop of cannabis.

Contributor Bio
Daniel Boughen has established an online community for medical patients to practice peer support and continue teaching and learning new and increasingly vital information on the therapeutic use of cannabis for terminal and seriously ill patients. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. Joseph R. Pietri is a former drug smuggler who is a legal purveyor of cannabis for medicinal purposes and the author of The King of Nepal. He lives in Cloverdale, Oregon.
Kitchen Garden Estate
Traditional Country-House Techniques for The Modern Gardener or Smallholder
Helene Gammack

Summary
Peek behind the garden door at some of Britain’s grandest estates to discover the traditional crafts of growing, cooking, and self-sufficiency from past masters
From “growing your own” and cooking with herbs to harvesting honey and keeping chickens, Britain’s great estates and country house gardens offer a wealth of inspiration to the modern gardener. From traditional walled kitchen gardens and their—sometimes surprising—fruit and vegetables to keeping bees, chickens, or even livestock, traditional methods and crafts have been in use since medieval times and have much to teach anyone who wishes to make their own outdoor space a model of self-sufficiency. Covering fruit and vegetables, herbs, orchards, beekeeping, fish ponds and lakes, dovecotes and poultry, dairy and the farmyard, the deer park and game, and hops and vineyards, there is something in this book for everyone, whether one has acres of land, an allotment, or even simply a windowsill for growing herbs. Includes dual measures.

Contributor Bio
Helene Gammack has worked as sole gardener in a renowned plantsman’s garden for 10 years and as a research assistant for the National Trust for the last two years.

Italian Kitchen Garden
Enjoy the Flavours of Italy from Your Garden
Sarah Fraser

Summary
Ten years after moving to a ramshackle Tuscany farmhouse with dreams of self-sufficiency and a more “down-to-earth” lifestyle, Sarah Fraser shares the knowledge she’s gained about cultivating Italian produce
For anyone who loves Italian food and would like to know how to grow it—even on a small scale—Sarah Fraser has a wealth of information on growing and getting the most out of the basic ingredients. Whether the reader has a balcony, a patio, or space for a full kitchen garden, she provides a wealth of easy-to-understand instructions and advice, tried and tested in her own garden. She provides basic information on how to get started, soil preparation, tools, and choosing what to grow. This is followed by detailed information on individual vegetables, fruits, and herbs, each with a delicious selection of recipes, including Stuffed Peppers, Pumpkin and Sage Ravioli, Rosemary Pizza Bread, Balsamic Garden Chutney, and Strawberry Pannacotta. This is the book for anyone who has ever wondered why Italian food tastes so good. Includes dual measurements.

Contributor Bio
Sarah Fraser’s adventures adapting to Italian life, running a guesthouse business, and striving for self-sufficiency were followed in three series for UK television. Sarah now breeds horses and runs a farm shop.
How to Grow Perennial Vegetables
Low-maintenance, Low-impact Vegetable Gardening
Martin Crawford

Summary
Perennial vegetables are a joy to grow and require a lot less time and effort than annuals. In this book Martin Crawford gives comprehensive advice on all types of perennial vegetables (edible plants that live longer than three years) including coppiced trees, aquatic plants and edible woodland species. There are many advantages to growing perennial vegetables, for example: they need less tillage than conventionally grown vegetables, so the soil structure is not disturbed in their cultivation and carbon is retained in the soil. They extend the harvesting season, especially in early spring; they are often of more value to beneficial insects than are annual vegetables; many perennial vegetables contain higher levels of mineral nutrients than annuals.

Contributor Bio
Martin Crawford has spent more than 20 years in organic agriculture and horticulture, and is director of the Agroforestry Research Trust, a nonprofit charity that researches temperate agroforestry and all aspects of plant cropping and uses, with a focus on tree, shrub, and perennial crops. The Trust produces several publications and a quarterly journal, and sells plants and seeds. He is the author of several books, including Creating a Forest Garden and A Forest Garden Year.

Women and Their Gardens
A History from the Elizabethan Era to Today
Catherine Horwood

Summary
From the golden age in English history to today’s gardeners and designers, this volume recognizes women’s contributions to gardening in Britain and around the world spanning more than four centuries. Despite growing vegetables for their kitchens, tending herbs for their medicine cupboards, and teaching other women about the art before agricultural schools officially existed, women have been mere footnotes in the horticultural annals for specimens collected abroad. These pioneers’ influence on the style of gardens in the present day is illustrated here in a style both accessible and scholarly. Presenting a rare bouquet, this collection shares the stories of more than 200 women who have been involved with garden design, plant collecting, flower arranging, botanical art, garden writing, and education.

Contributor Bio
Catherine Horwood is an honorary research fellow of the Bedford Centre for the History of Women at Royal Holloway and has been a visiting fellow at Yale. She has won many prizes for her own gardens and was an honorary assistant organizer of the National Gardens Scheme for London. She is the author of History: The Story of Plants in the Home, Worst Fashions: What We Shouldn’t Have Worn... But Did, and Keeping Up Appearances: Fashion and Class Between the Wars.
Green Roofs
A Guide to their Design and Installation
Angela Youngman

Summary
A guide to the process of designing and installing a green roof—essential reading for anyone interested in energy-efficient buildings

Environmentally friendly buildings are a must for the future, and among the many new ideas for buildings are green roofs—but what exactly is a green roof, and how do they work? Why are individuals and businesses installing them, and how difficult is it to install and maintain a green roof? This guide introduces the range of green roofs available, from the small garden shed to towering skyscrapers; discusses the role of the green roof as part of an overall greening of a building and landscape; advises on types of vegetation to be grown, maintenance required, and problems that can be encountered; analyzes the green roof movement; and describes residential and business case studies from across the world. With contributions from builders, architects, and gardeners, this is not a self-help manual, as most green roofs will need a string of professionals, but a guide to the process of designing and installing a green roof.

Contributor Bio
Angela Youngman is a freelance journalist and author.

Designing and Planting Borders
Roger Harvey

Summary
What, where, and how to plant colorful borders that will transform any garden

Beds and borders provide the framework for a garden, but it can be a daunting task to design and plant them. This book provides exciting planting ideas and schemes for borders that are full of shrubs and perennials, and burst with color and vitality throughout the year. Written by a respected garden designer, it includes diagrams for gardens and plant profiles so gardeners and designers can match the plant they need to the look they want. It offers advice on drawing a plan and designing a garden, more than 20 border plans for different aspects and soil types, new ideas for color and structure, and easy-to-use tables to identify the right plant for every spot.

Contributor Bio
Roger J. Harvey runs courses on garden design from his nursery. He specializes in growing hellebores as well as woodland and shade-loving plants.
Container Gardening
Kathy Brown

Summary
Expert advice and inspiring ideas on how to transform patios, walls, courtyards, and doorsteps through container gardens

Container gardening provides boundless, exciting opportunities for both novice and experienced gardeners. Here, step-by-step plans guide the reader through the process of both planting and aftercare, either for short-term seasonal schemes or for longer-term projects. Reflecting the author's experienced flair for display techniques and her passion for color combinations, shapes, foliage, scent, and taste, this book is essential reading for everyone ready to transform their containers and their gardens.

Contributor Bio
Kathy Brown has specialized in growing plants in containers for the last 30 years. The author of The Complete Practical Handbook of Garden Bulbs and Edible Flowers, she runs her own garden design business and opens her four and a half acre garden to the public.

Designing Gardens with Plant Shapes
Carol Smith

Summary
A practical, hands-on method for the design of planting, ensuring a final garden that suits the reader's needs and style

Rather than relying on plant knowledge, this innovative book introduces a new visual approach to planting design. It sets out the principles of planting design, introducing the nine plant shapes and a selection of appropriate plants, and uses drawing exercises to explain the plant shape method. It also provides advice on color in planting schemes, offers examples of three-dimensional planting design schemes, and explains how all gardeners—from the novice to the experienced—can achieve a beautiful and rewarding garden.

Contributor Bio
Carol Smith is a professional garden designer and freelance lecturer. She has worked on several award-winning show gardens and teaches on all aspects of garden and planting design.
Planting Design Essentials
Jill Anderson, Pamela Johnson

Summary
A step-by-step guide to successful plant choice and long-term planting, using design techniques and good horticultural practice
Plants are a major part of most gardens and fulfill many roles within them, providing color, shade, scent, form, texture, and much more. Choosing the right plants can be a challenge but this book is both inspirational and practical, helping gardeners to interpret their visions and understand growing conditions for all styles and types of planting. It also looks at creative maintenance for the future of the design, emphasizing the need for good techniques and best practice to ensure that the garden matures beautifully.

Contributor Bio
Jill Anderson started her own garden design company 15 years ago. She has been awarded two Royal Horticulture Society medals for her show gardens. Pamela Johnson has been designing gardens for 15 years.

Designing Small Gardens
Ian Cooke

Summary
A guide that will inspire stunning results, whether for an entire garden or just a small border
Small gardens can be as versatile as their gardeners—personal, peaceful havens; sophisticated spaces for entertaining; or bold showcases for plant displays. Written by an experienced garden designer, this practical book, packed with big ideas for small gardens, guides readers through the principles of design with special reference to small spaces. Topics covered include garden design basics, hard and soft landscapes, innovative use of different materials, imaginative planting combinations, garden styles and plans, and practical garden projects.

Contributor Bio
Ian Cooke is a professional horticulturalist with wide experience of design, from small private gardens through to large commercial landscapes. He is the author of many gardening books, including Exotic Gardening, The Gardener's Guide to Growing Cannas, and Grasses and Bamboos.
Organic Gardener's Companion
Growing Vegetables in the West
Jane Shellenberger

Summary
A comprehensive guide to growing organic produce in the Rocky Mountain and western region. Includes information on soil cultivation (the backbone of organic gardening), selection, mulching, harvesting, storing, and other concerns specific to semiarid and high-altitude climates.

Contributor Bio
Jane Shellenberger is a lifelong eclectic gardener who learned about plants from her botanist mother. An environmental activist for many years, she has worked on several successful air- and water-quality campaigns, motivated by a great love for Colorado’s blue skies, semiarid western landscapes, and wildlife. Shellenberger is publisher and editor of the regional gardening magazine Colorado Gardener, a thinking-gardener’s companion, which she founded in 1997. She is a member of the Garden Writers Association, Boulder Culinary Gardeners, and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. She lives on a five-acre farmette on the plains between Boulder and Longmont, Colorado, with her companion, Oscar.

You Know You're a Gardening Fanatic When . . .
Ben Fraser

Summary
How to know that your love of gardening may be a tad out-of-control
You know you're a gardening fanatic when you have a sticker saying “My other car's a ride-on lawnmower” on the back window of your Ferrari. If this sounds all too familiar, read on to discover whether you've really gone to seed or you're just one petal short of a flower!

Contributor Bio
Ben Fraser is the author of The Football Lover's Companion and The Golf Lover's Companion.
Native by Design
Landscape Design with New Zealand Plants
Ian Spellerberg, Michele Frey, John Maillard

Summary
Twenty of New Zealand’s top landscape architects and designers offer their wisdom and advice on the subject of landscaping with native plants in this extraordinary book. Presenting a project per chapter, this guide showcases some of New Zealand’s most beautiful outdoor environments, including private gardens, public recreation land, urban and industrial spaces, and even farmlands. With photographs capturing the uniqueness and splendor of each location—from Kaeo in the Far North to Queenstown in the south—this account is a forum by which the experts communicate their vision, passion, experiences, and challenges while imparting their knowledge unto present and future gardeners.

Contributor Bio
Ian Spellerberg is a professor of nature conservation, the director of the Isaac Center for Nature Conservation at Lincoln University, and the former president of the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network. Michele Frey is a recreation and environmental planning consultant. John Maillard is the program leader of photography and multimedia at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology.

Shrubs
A Gardener’s Handbook
Ian Cooke

Summary
With color foliage, flowers, bark and scent, shrubs are one of the most versatile and significant groups of plants for the gardener, and they come from all corners of the globe. This new book extols their virtues, and describes how to successfully design with them, grow and propagate them. There are thirty new and wonderful shrubs described and illustrated with planting suggestions.

Contributor Bio
Ian Cooke is the author of Shrubs as well as a professional horticulturalist and plantsman. For many years he was responsible for the management of the award-winning grounds of the University of Nottingham, planted with thousands of trees and shrubs as a living library. In 2008 he was made an Associate of Honour by the Royal Horticultural Society. He now concentrates on writing, lecturing, and garden design. Ian is a regular judge for Chelsea and major flower shows.
Alpines
An Essential Guide
Michael Mitchell

Summary
All the aspects of care and cultivation of a plant that offers fantastic versatility and color for nearly every month of the year
Alpines have been a favorite plant for generations of gardeners and are as popular now as ever, as today's gardens generally become smaller. Whether planted in troughs, window boxes, raised beds, or between paving, alpines have great potential, offering some of the world's most exquisite flowers. This essential guide for beginners and enthusiasts covers traditional and contemporary settings; ideas for incorporating alpine plants into a new or existing garden plot; geometric planting ideas; advice on planting and maintenance; information on propagation methods and facilities; and an A–Z reference of more than 180 of the best alpine plants, with a useful table of flowering times.

Contributor Bio
Michael Mitchell started a nursery in 1986 and now has 25 years' experience in the propagation and cultivation of alpine and woodland plants. He has taught alpine courses for several years and his alpine plants have won seven gold medals at flower shows.

Gardening Wit
Quips and Quotes for the Green-Fingered
Jane Brook

Summary
Green-fingered gurus and nature-loving novices need look no further to find a saying for every season
"To turn ordinary clothes into gardening clothes, simply mix with compost." —Guy Browning
"Every man reaps what he sows in this life—except the amateur gardener." —Lesley Hall
After a long day of digging and planting, throw in the trowel and enjoy a little light weeding from this stupendous harvest of quips and quotes from those who really know their onions.

Contributor Bio
Jane Brook is the author of You Know You're a Horse Lover When . . . .
**Ball RedBook (18th Edition)**

**Greenhouses and Equipment**

Chris Beytes

**Summary**

This professional horticulture reference, which has been in print continuously since 1932, is fully revised and updated in this new edition. Based on real-life experiences from industry professionals including growers and equipment and greenhouse manufacturers, the presented information covers all aspects of greenhouse equipment—the structures themselves, benches, irrigation, curtains, environmental controls, machination, and the greenhouse as a retail facility. The most recent developments in greenhouse evolution are discussed, as are the varieties of available greenhouse structures, from freestanding and gutter-connected greenhouses to shade houses and open-roof greenhouses. Information on the business side of managing a greenhouse is provided, including how to market products and how to operate a retail store from a greenhouse.

**Contributor Bio**

Chris Beytes is the editor of GrowerTalks magazine and has been a professional horticulturist for nearly 30 years. He lives in South Elgin, Illinois.

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**Gardens of the National Trust**

Stephen Lacey

**Summary**

A substantially revised edition to showcase superb new photography and to introduce newly acquired properties, along with fascinating practical gardening guides from the Trust’s expert head gardeners

Britain’s National Trust has the finest collection of gardens ever assembled under one ownership—the greatest in number, diversity, historic importance, and quality. Together, they form the world’s most important collection of cultivated plants, distinguished by their beauty, rarity, historical interest, and scientific value. Historically and horticulturally, a vivid picture of the gardens is painted, with all the major periods represented—from a knot garden from a 1640 design to Victorian Gardens and the famous plantsmen’s gardens of the last century. Both a practical guide and a rich source of inspiration, the book includes horticultural details, a complete plant list, and a section on the many other Trust gardens to visit. Throughout, splendid color images by the country’s leading photographers bring to life the beauty of each garden.

**Contributor Bio**

Stephen Lacey is a garden writer, a lecturer, a broadcaster, and a long-standing columnist and feature writer for the *Daily Telegraph*. He contributes to many other publications including *Horticulture Magazine*, *House and Garden*, and the *RHS Journal*. His books include *Real Gardening*, *Scent in Your Garden*, and *The Startling Jungle*. 
The Fruit Tree Handbook
Ben Pike

Summary
This clear, practical guide for both amateur and expert explains all you need to know in order to grow delicious fruit, from designing your orchard and planting your trees to harvesting your produce.

Contributor Bio
Ben Pike is an orchard consultant and writer, and is head gardener on the Sharpham Estate in Devon, where he looks after the walled fruit and vegetable garden as well as two orchards containing 150 fruit trees. He helps run Orchard Link, an organization that supports orchard owners and the preservation of old orchards.

Stowe
The People and the Place
Michael Bevington, George Clarke, Jonathan Marsden

Summary
Stowe explores the magnificent landscape garden that is one of the most remarkable legacies of Georgian England and the succession of extraordinary characters who made it. Created by Viscount Cobham in the grounds of his family home, the garden came to reflect a coherent program of ideas based on Cobham’s hugely influential network of political affiliations. Realized by designer William Kent, Stowe encapsulates an idealised vision of constitutional monarchy and political freedom. The garden features a series of extraordinary and innovative garden buildings, designed by leading architects of the day, all set in a carefully constructed Arcadian landscape of valleys and lakes. Cobham’s immediate successors enhanced and extended the garden, naturalizing its more formal aspects and opening up fresh vistas towards the glorious new house that they constructed, as well as adding yet more temples and monuments. The house and garden were sold in 1922 when Stowe School was founded. The National Trust first became involved in 1967 and took over formal ownership of the garden in 1989, initiating ...
Green
Eco-wow Gardens from Dry Spell Gardening
Brendan Moar

Summary
In Green, popular television presenter Brendan Moar unveils the secrets and incredible design potential of climate-friendly gardening. Based on the successful LifeStyle Channel television show Dry Spell Gardening, this book presents a behind-the-scenes look at the makeover of twelve Australian gardens. Designed by Brendan and driven by climate-friendly choices and eco-friendly materials, these gardens are first and foremost beautiful gardens tailored to their owners’ lifestyles. Green is both an exploration of these gardens and a guide to eco-gardening, featuring informative breakout chapters such as “To lawn or not to lawn?,” suggested plant lists, recommended materials and gardening techniques. In his entertaining style, Brendan both inspires and educates readers with his creativity and depth of knowledge.

Contributor Bio
Brendan Moar is one of Australia’s leading TV presenters with a diverse professional background in photography, writing, acting and landscape architecture. Most recently known for his success on the show Dry Spell Gardening, Brendan has also hosted programs such as Home, Home Gardening and By Design, amongst others. He has written extensively for Inside Out magazine and is currently their gardening editor.

Backyard Beekeeping and Honey Production
Phil Rant

Summary
Bees are an essential part of our natural world and their importance in pollinating our food crops cannot be overstated. Over a third of the world’s food is dependent upon pollinators, of which the honey bee Apis mellifera is possibly the most important. This informative book introduces newcomers to the fascinating and rewarding craft of beekeeping and honey production and sets out in simple terms the needs of this complex creature. Topics covered within the book include: Setting up your first hive; How to handle bees correctly and with confidence; Practical advice on the honey harvest; Winter feeding and inspection; Marketing your bee products and the legal requirements; and Diseases, how to avoid them and how to deal with them.

Contributor Bio
Phil Rant is a retired British civil servant who now resides deep in the French countryside where he keeps bees and has done so for more than 20 years. He has contributed articles on gardening and related subjects to various journals and magazines over many years.
Making the Most of Your Glorious Glut
Cooking, Storing, Freezing, Drying & Preserving Your Garden Produce
Jackie Sherman

Summary
The answer to the perennial problem of an overabundance of wonderful fruit and vegetables, this book helps make the most of any garden glut. Whether it's courgettes, beans, apples, or blackcurrants, most gardeners will recognize the sinking feeling when you have had such a good harvest that you can't face picking, cooking, or eating any more. Even if you haven't grown them yourself it is easy to end up with too many fruits or vegetables after a visit to the local pick-your-own farm or a country hedgerow. The book includes more than 250 recipes for using fresh produce in new and exciting ways and explains how to pickle, preserve, dry, bottle, or juice your surplus fruits and vegetables so they can be enjoyed throughout the year. Recipes for every occasion and every type of meal are featured, from pizza to pates, casseroles to cakes.

Contributor Bio
Jackie Sherman is the author of 20 books, mainly on computing, and also enjoys writing general nonfiction, having had a number of magazine articles published.

Garden Designers at Home
The Private Spaces of the World's Leading Designers
Noel Kingsbury

Summary
A stunning peek at the private gardens of some of the world's most influential designers—often a place for experimentation
The gardens designers have created for their clients may be familiar to garden enthusiasts, but what happens in the designers' own backyards? This fascinating book takes a look at the gardens of some top designers, investigating how they differ from their commissioned work, the design process, and how they reflect their own design philosophy. Private gardens are often sites for experimentation, either with untried plants, novel construction techniques, or innovative ways of handling space. Some designers use their gardens as "gallery spaces"—perfect representations of the heart and soul of their work, while others may be radically different from a designer's commissioned projects. The fact that private gardens are the site for experimentation suggests that a peek through the garden gate will be a privileged look into the future.

Contributor Bio
Noel Kingsbury is a respected garden designer who writes for the Garden and Gardens Illustrated and has a column in Homes and Gardens. His other books include Designing Borders, Gardens by Design, Hybrid, Natural Garden Style, and Seedheads in the Garden.
Summary

The definitive guide to bulbs, including all the new varieties and up-to-date techniques for care

Daffodils and tulips herald the arrival of spring, but from the earliest snowdrops to autumn crocosmias, bulbs bring color and interest to gardens all year round, and this definitive guide presents Alan Titchmarsh’s top tips for how to use bulbs to best effect. They can be naturalized in lawns, planted in containers, fill gaps between shrubs, or form the basis of stunning borders. This guide features an A-to-Z directory of Alan’s recommended bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes; easy-to-follow plans showing how to use bulbs in various situations and at different times of year; practical tips for growing bulbs in grass, rockeries, containers, indoors, and for cutting; planting and growing techniques; and, seasonal planting for year-round color and scent.

Contributor Bio

Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener’s Year, The Royal Gardeners, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers’ Guild.

Summary

From classic to brand-new varieties, Alan Titchmarsh presents the complete practical guide to roses

The favorite flower of many gardeners, the rose never goes out of fashion. In this definitive guide, Alan Titchmarsh explains how to grow and care for roses in the garden. He covers all the essential techniques and provides inspirational ideas for training and planting schemes that will ensure healthy plants and stunning displays year on year. Besides an A-to-Z directory of Alan’s recommended roses, this guide offers essential techniques for pruning and support; how to combine roses with other plants; suggested roses for all garden situations, including shady and exposed sites; and a comprehensive guide to understanding rose types.

Contributor Bio

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Grow Your Food for Free (Well, Almost)
Great Money-Saving Ideas for Your Garden
Dave Hamilton

Summary
Don't like spending money in garden stores? Think you can make it yourself for a fraction of the price or find a cheaper option? Dave Hamilton shows you how. By recycling and reusing materials creatively and making the most of what you have, you can gather all you need to grow your food on a budget. Whether it's building your own shed from scrap, constructing a path out of recycled materials, or storing your harvest without a freezer, it's all here. This practical guide takes you on a frugal journey through the seasons, from planning your space and setting up a plot to raising, harvesting, and storing your plants. It offers money-saving tips every step of the way, and tips on the actual gardening. It's crammed full of satisfying projects, from seed saving and making your own plant feed to building a fence or garden shed and gives step-by-step instructions, with easy-to-follow diagrams.

Contributor Bio
Dave Hamilton is a professional forager, food and garden writer, and occasionally appears on TV and radio. He is cofounder and creator of Selfsufficientish.com and is the coauthor of The Self-Sufficientish Bible.

The Art of the Islamic Garden
Emma Clark

Summary
Now in paperback, this lavish guide explains the design and symbolism of Islamic gardens while giving practical guidance to replicating the component parts. The Islamic garden is regarded as one of the highest forms of visual art in the civilization of Islam, and this guide explains these gardens' history and symbolism, and their connections to the Quran. The principal elements are water and shade; they are also characterized by the chahar-bagh: a four-fold pattern, constructed around a central pool or fountain, with four streams flowing toward the four corners of the earth. This design is aesthetically striking; however, a true appreciation of an Islamic garden is only complete with an understanding of the spiritual symbolism manifested in its design and planting. The significance of the gardens' layout and design are explored, as well as the geometry, hard landscaping, and architectural elements, allowing a deeper understanding of the gardens' beauty. Practical instructions include recommendations for suitable trees, shrubs, and flowers, and advice on creating an Islamic garden in c...
Exotic Gardening
Ian Cooke

Summary
An inspirational guide for all levels of gardeners to using lush, bold foliage, even in temperate climates
With fabulous palms, big bold banana leaves, color flowers, and flamboyant foliage, exotic gardens never fail to fascinate and excite a gardener. This inspirational book introduces the dazzling array of hardy and tender plants that can be used to create jungle-style landscapes in every garden. It explains their characteristics, and advises on how they can be planted and grown to produce a stunning display to be enjoyed even in temperate climates. With A to Z reference of exotic plants and plenty of ideas for design, finishing touches, and desert gardens, this is the perfect guide for a gardener at any level.

Contributor Bio
Ian Cooke is a professional horticulturalist who was awarded the Associate of Honour by the Royal Horticultural Society. His other books include The Gardener's Guide to Growing Cannas, Grasses and Bamboos, and Waterwise Gardening.

Alan Titchmarsh How to Garden: Small Gardens
Alan Titchmarsh

Summary
Covering everything from window boxes and balconies and small gardens up to the size of a tennis court, this definitive guide covers design, planting, landscaping, and plant growing
Successful gardens can be created in the smallest spaces, and this essential guide, shows how to achieve the right garden in the space available. With ideas for maximizing space, design solutions for front gardens and driveways, and recommended plants to grow, this is the ultimate guide for anyone wanting to create a garden on a small plot. It also includes design ideas to match practical needs; A-to-Z profiles of recommended plants; landscaping ideas for all garden shapes; practical uses for balconies and window boxes; and instructions on how to grow vegetables, herbs, and fruit in any small space.

Contributor Bio
Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including The Complete How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener's Year, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers' Guild.
The Grumpy Gardener's Handbook
Amos Grump

Summary
A curmudgeonly compilation of all things frustrating about maintaining the average domestic garden
Grump's attempts to improve his outdoor areas are thwarted at every turn. His lawn develops alopecia, his fruit trees are shunned by all pollinating insects, his vegetables are a big hit with slugs, and his Indian sandstone patio becomes an ingenious sunken garden. He shares his misery in such chapters as Pruning, Weeding, Compost (Amos is convinced that cryogenics fan Walt Disney could be happily accommodated in his non-decomposing compost bins), Sheds, Pond Life, “Oh, I Simply Adore Lobelia” (people who talk too loudly in show gardens), TV Gardening, Pests, and Living With “Leaf Lady”—a woman hell-bent on identifying every foreign leaf that is swept into their garden, and returning it. There is a Grumpy Calendar of seasonal jobs in the garden and how best to avoid them, plus advice on how to impress people with a Slacker’s Veg Patch (vegetables that look after themselves more or less).

Contributor Bio
Amos Grump has been gently killing things in his garden since he was old enough to bend a trowel. Despite taking advice from gardening programs, magazines, seed packets, and the odd training course he has still managed to maintain the horticultural equivalent of Chernobyl in his back garden.

The Twilight Garden
Creating a Garden That Entrainces by Day and Comes Alive at Night
Lia Leendertz

Summary
Covering basic planting and design principles that make the most of outdoor surroundings, this guide helps gardeners establish a unique nocturnal garden. Including chapters on night-scented and night-blooming plants, gentle mood lighting, water features, enclosures, and the use of color and sound to attract wildlife, this is the perfect starting place for gardeners attracted to the ethereal nature of a moonlit landscape, whether they are working with a backyard terrace or a large plot of land. Case studies of formal gardens and detailed horticultural descriptions of night-friendly plant species and varieties—divided into Star Plants, Supporting Cast, and Backstage Beauties—round out the tools needed to transform a private space into a moonlit paradise.

Given that the sun only shines half the day, shouldn’t there be a guide for what happens, or could happen, in your garden after sunset? There are many reasons to consider a twilight garden. You may live in a warm climate where evenings are more comfortable than midday. You may work long hours, or enjoy eating dinner and entertaining out...

Contributor Bio
Lia Leendertz is a gardening columnist for the Guardian and a regular contributor to Garden magazine, which is published by the Royal Horticultural Society.
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How to Grow Your Food
A Guide for Complete Beginners
Jon Clift, Amanda Cuthbert

Summary
If you've never opened a seed packet before and want to grow your food but don't know where to start, this book is for you. It gives advice on everything from planting seeds to harvesting your crops and dealing with problems—and it doesn't matter whether you have a whole garden or just a patio, a balcony, or a windowsill. Home-grown food means fresh, organic, tasty meals; less money spent in the supermarket; a lower carbon footprint; and, best of all, fun. How to Grow Your Food features a range of vegetables, fruits, and herbs that are easy for the beginner to grow.

Contributor Bio
Jon Clift has a Master in Sustainable Environmental Management degree, working with a major water company for his dissertation. He now works as an environmental consultant. Amanda Cuthbert is a writer, editor, and gardener. She is the author of The Dreamer's Guide to Running Holiday Accommodation and coauthor of The Briefcase and the Baby: A Nanny and Mother's Handbook. Together they have written How to Be a Student and Not Destroy Planet Earth and five titles in the Green Books Guides series.

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Alan Titchmarsh How to Garden: Pests and Problems
Alan Titchmarsh

Summary
Alan Titchmarsh tackles pests, diseases, and other gardening problems
In this definitive guide, Alan Titchmarsh addresses key problem areas and provides easy-to-follow guidance on how to protect precious plants. Encouraging gardeners to create healthy ecosystems, he talks through the techniques to deal with harmful pests, weeds, diseases, and disorders and suggests preventative measures to ensure happy, disease-resistant plants. Included are a color-illustrated directory of pests and problems, guidance on selecting the right plants for the right conditions, advice on chemical versus nonchemical treatments, and instructions for tackling problems in lawns and borders.

Contributor Bio
Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including The Complete How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener's Year, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers' Guild.
## Gardeners' World: 201 Ideas for Growing Fruit and Veg

**Summary**

There is nothing quite like home-grown produce. Whether it's a crisp apple, freshly picked on a summer's day, or a handful of hardy veg and herbs to keep you going through the winter months, the benefits of nurturing your own crops are endless. This is why the experts at Gardeners' World magazine have compiled a collection of their most useful tips for making the most of any garden or allotment. Whether it's pointers on how to get started or expert hints for the seasoned gardener, 201 Ideas for Growing Fruit and Veg is packed with useful know-how. From simple projects for growing veg in small plots, to inspired ideas for ensuring that your crops grow successfully year on year, you will find here a wealth of advice, all gathered from the years of gardening experience of the team at Britain's biggest-selling gardening magazine.

## Minding My Peas and Cucumbers

**Quirky Tales of Allotment Life**

Kay Sexton

**Summary**

Amusing tales about the ups and downs of managing an allotment for the first time

When Kay Sexton becomes the proud holder of an allotment, she hopes it will be her first foray towards self-sufficiency for her family. Instead, she finds herself in a strange world of arcane rules and regulations and hose-pipe standoffs. After a rocky start, she finds her mud-caked Wellingtoned feet and successfully navigates her way through allotment-keeping: battling Biblical-scale pest invasions; learning the dark arts of the competitive vegetable grower; and practicing ninja-like disappearing acts to avoid yet another free cucumber from a neighboring gardener. Witty, well-observed and with mouth-watering recipes, this book is for anyone who dreams of a slice of the good life.

**Contributor Bio**

Kay Sexton has been a finalist for several writing awards including the Sunday Times Short Story Award 2010.
Alan Titchmarsh

Summary

Alan Titchmarsh's expert advice on selecting the right flowering plants for any garden—looking at color, size, and aspect to create stunning effects and healthy, happy plants

Flowering shrubs can be the most dramatic and beautiful features in a garden, and this ultimate guide teaches gardeners of all skill levels how to achieve them. Including guidance on choosing flowering shrubs for color and situation and practical advice on planting, general care, propagation, pruning, and renovation, this truly is the definitive guide on flowering shrubs for a garden. It also comes with illustrated A-to-Z profiles of recommended plants, and features detailed planting plans for using shrubs in borders, as well as step-by-step illustrations showing essential techniques.

Contributor Bio

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Alan Titchmarsh How to Garden: Growing Fruit

Summary

There's no beating growing, picking, and eating fruit from a personal garden—this deliciously definitive guide to home-grown sweets shows how

Guiding the everyday gardener through the processes and pitfalls of fruit-growing, this ultimate guide teaches everything there is to know about fruit gardening. From propagating the first seeds or planting the first tree, to selecting tasty home-grown fruits for the dinner table, the book includes guidance on selecting all types of fruit for home growing as well as handy tips for maximizing flavor and cropping. It also features illustrated A-to-Z profiles of recommended fruit; practical advice on care, harvesting, storage, pruning, propagation, and pest control; and step-by-step illustrations showing essential techniques.

Contributor Bio

Alan Titchmarsh is the author of more than 40 gardening books, including The Complete How to Be a Gardener, The Gardener's Year, and the volume of memoirs Trowel and Error. He has twice been named Gardening Writer of the Year and in 2004 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Garden Writers' Guild.
Summary
The definitive guide to adding an impressive extra dimension to any garden through vertical climbers and wall plants
Covering the ins-and-outs of growing climbers and wall plants, this guide teaches gardeners of all skill levels to get the very best in terms of cover, cropping, and flowering from their gardens. It looks extensively at flowering plants, fruit, and some vegetable plants—showing how to make the most of every available space in any garden. Including creative ideas for using climbers and wall shrubs effectively in the garden, the guide also contains quick lists of plants for specific purposes, conditions, or effects; A-to-Z profiles of recommended plants; practical advice on training, pruning, and propagation; and beautifully illustrated step-by-step guides to essential techniques.

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Summary
The perfect perennial planting guide for gardeners of every skill level
Perennials flower each year, dying down in the winter and coming back to life the following spring. They are central features in the landscape of a garden as they appear year-after-year and must be regarded as constant features. This book gives the expert view on the vast array of flowers available. It includes creative ideas and border planting plans; practical advice on care, maintenance, and propagation; illustrated A-to-Z profiles of recommended plants; recommended plants for specific purposes, conditions, and effects; and step-by-step illustrations showing essential techniques.

Contributor Bio
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Community Orchards Handbook
Sue Clifford, Angela King

Summary
The Community Orchards Handbook shows groups and individuals how to start their own community orchard, from getting support, tackling legal issues, and access to organizing working parties and selling produce. It gives suggestions on “apple mapping” and saving local varieties, and gives practical advice on planting, harvesting, and safeguarding an orchard. It also includes a comprehensive resources section and examples of successful community orchard projects across the UK.

The Garden of Ideas
Four Centuries of Australian Style
Richard Aitken

Summary
From the imaginings of emigrant garden-makers of the late 18th century to the concerns of 21st-century gardeners, this chronicle charts Australian garden design over four centuries. A handsome fusion of evocative images and rich text unearths the Australian aesthetic, weaving together social and cultural history across the wide extremes of the continent. With fresh insights and palpable passion, this book is a valuable source for both the sophisticated gardener and the garden admirer.

Contributor Bio
Richard Aitken is an architect, a curator, a historian, and a member of the editorial advisory board of Garden History. He is the coeditor of Australian Garden History and the author of Botanical Riches, Gardenesque, and Seeds of Change.
How to Grow Winter Vegetables
Charles Dowding

Summary
It is possible, with the help of this book, to enjoy an abundance of vegetables at the darkest time of year, whether stored or ready for harvesting when needed. It also covers growing for the “hungry gap” from April to early June. Not much grows in winter, but a well-organized plot may nonetheless be quite full. This book helps gardeners plan carefully, and well ahead, sowing and planting at specific times through the year. The main part of the book is an extensive month-by-month sowing, planting, and growing calendar. Further sections cover harvesting—from garlic in July right through to the last of the overwintered greens in May—and storing your produce. Many salads can be grown in winters, especially with a little protection from fleece, cloches, or larger structures. The book includes a whole section on frost-hardy salad plants, explaining how to ensure harvests of fresh leaves throughout winter. The beauty of winter and its produce is captured in glorious photographs from the author’s garden.

Contributor Bio
Charles Dowding has been growing organic vegetables commercially for 30 years, without soil cultivation. He is the author of Organic Gardening and Salad Leaves. He also writes articles for several gardening publications, lectures, and runs courses on how best to look after soil and plants.

Hostas
An Essential Guide
Richard Ford

Summary
Hostas originated mainly in Japan and were not introduced to Britain until the nineteenth century. They were grown and collected in Europe and America for the next two hundred years, but it was their move into containers that boosted their popularity and with their vibrant foliage made them an exuberant feature of gardens in the last twenty years. With the expert knowledge of Richard Ford, a Chelsea gold-medal winning nurseyman, this practical book looks at all aspects of their care and cultivation and will inspire everyone to make the most of Hostas in their garden.

Contributor Bio
Richard Ford graduated in botany from University College, London, followed by a postgraduate course specialising in plant pathology at Cambridge University. After 25 years in the crop protecting industry, Richard with his wife Mary set up Park Green Nurseries, which has now been established for over 25 years and specializes in Hostas. Richard and Mary have been awarded 180 gold medals for their hosta displays, this tally includes over 60 Royal Horticultural Society gold medals with seven awarded at the Chelsea Flower Show.
The Undaunted Garden
Planting for Weather-Resilient Beauty
Lauren Springer Ogden

Summary
Well-adapted plants, practical and environmental perspectives, and a uniquely aesthetic approach to gardening in a challenging climate compose the story that is *The Undaunted Garden* by pioneering plantswoman, garden designer, and author Lauren Springer Ogden. Highlights include: More than 370 new full-color photographs 100 portraits of underused, exceptional plants Information on drought-tolerant and deer-resistant plants Insights and lessons from Lauren’s three personal gardens

Contributor Bio
Lauren Springer Ogden is one of America’s most original gardeners. After gardening professionally for several years on both sides of the Atlantic, Lauren received a master’s degree in horticulture from Penn State and moved west. Lauren’s writing and photography have appeared regularly in American gardening publications, and she has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Nature*, and on television. Lauren and her husband Scott Ogden design public and private gardens. Together they tend two intensive gardens in Fort Collins and Austin, overseen by cats, wildlife, and three mildly interested children.

This Infant Adventure
Offspring of the Royal Gardens at Kew
Christian Lamb, Tim Smit

Summary
The contribution of diplomatic, military, and naval exploits in the formation of the British Empire are well recorded, but far less well-known are those of botanic gardens which, in their own unsung way, helped to underpin the Empire’s commercial success and were also instrumental in furthering botanical knowledge around the world. Christian Lamb, distinguished plantswoman and garden historian, writes in her introduction “It so happens that I ‘collect’ botanic gardens . . . this book is a nebulous collection of a few chosen botanic gardens from the vast array available—the stars in their spheres . . . and the remarkable array of the often learned and entrepreneurial characters that created them.”

Contributor Bio
Christian Lamb has come to authorship late in life—she wrote her first two books while in her 80s: *From the Ends of the Earth: Passionate plant collectors remembered in a Cornish garden* and her WW2 memoir *I Only Joined for the Hat*. She lectures on plants and plant collectors and is a fellow of the Linnaean Society. Tim Smit is founder of the Eden Project.
Thoughtful Gardening
Practical Gardening in Harmony with Nature
Ed Ikin

Summary
From gardening during drought conditions to the best friendly fungi and how to make the perfect compost, essential advice on symbiotic gardening
Revealing the techniques that work in grand gardens yet are just as applicable for small yards, a vegetable patch, or several acres, the advice in this guide covers good plant nutrition, including how to make a plant healthy from organic spraying with milk. Composting is covered as well, including hot composting techniques; the ultimate leaf mold, bracken compost, and potash; and composting food waste. Gardeners will learn how to survive droughts and downpours with low-watering regimes, how to increase plants’ drought resistance, how to choose the right plant for any condition, and how to keep plants healthy in water-logged soil. Tips on being a greener gardener include water-collection systems, using beneficial insects to control pests, alternatives to pesticides and fungicides, sterilizing without bleach, peat-free composts, and alternatives to plastic. Gardening by the moon is also covered, with simple and scientific experiments in biodyn...

Contributor Bio
Ed Ikin is the head gardener at Nymans, the National Trust garden. He was a contributor to Gardening Secrets.

Tomatoes
A Gardener’s Guide
Simon Hart

Summary
A practical guide to ensure that every gardener enjoys their tomatoes to the full
Vibrant, nutritious, and delicious, the tomato is a popular and versatile choice in the garden. It can be grown from hanging baskets with herbs, can yield prolific crops, and can cheer up a summer salad with its red, yellow, orange, or green hues. This practical book explores all aspects of growing tomatoes including cultivar selection, plant raising, outdoor and protected crop production, plant care, and training. Topics covered also include tomato history, advice on greenhouses, pests and diseases, and what to do if things start to go wrong.

Contributor Bio
Simon Hart is a lecturer in horticulture, specializing in greenhouse crops, and a gardening author.
How to Grow Food in Your Polytunnel
All Year Round
Mark Gatter, Andy McKee

Summary
With all the information you need to use your polytunnel to its full potential, this book shows make the most of this precious covered space. It includes a detailed crop-by-crop guide to the growing year, dedicated chapters on growing for each season, and a sowing and harvesting calendar to help with planning. You’ll be harvesting fresh crops all year round—sweet potatoes and late celery in November; winter radish, baby carrots, and celeriac in early February; and salad leaves right through the winter. Even during the “hungry gap” you’ll have a choice of new potatoes, pak choi, peas, tender cabbages, beetroot, and more with the help of this essential guide.

Contributor Bio
Mark Gatter began growing vegetables while homesteading in north California in the early 1980s, and has been a gardener ever since. He relies on a polytunnel to keep fresh food on the table through the winter. Andy McKee uses his polytunnel to keep his family entirely self-sufficient in vegetables. They are the authors of The Polytunnel Handbook.

Gentlemen Gardeners
The Men Who Recreated the English Landscape
Timothy Mowl

Summary
The English love affair with the landscape garden reached its height in the eighteenth century, when the creation of some of our greatest gardens set a stylistic lead which Continental Europe was eager to follow. In this informed and entertaining book, Timothy Mowl reveals how this development in garden style came about through an interaction between the garden owners, who had a vision of what these gardens might become, and the professionals who had the expertise to realize this vision. Ideas, technologies, and discoveries were exchanged, and theories were absorbed, popularized, and then discarded, in a fascinating sequence of action and reaction. It was a mold-breaking, revolutionary period in garden history. Mowl takes the reader on a fascinating journey to the magnificent gardens at Chiswick, Stowe, Castle Howard, Painshill, Stourhead, and an astonishing host of lesser Edens, and casts a fresh and illuminating perspective on the great age of the English Arcadia.

Contributor Bio
Timothy Mowl is reader in architectural and garden history in the Department of History of Art at the University of Bristol, and co-director of its MA in Garden History.
**Where Earwigs Dare**
Matt Harvey

**Summary**
With celebratory verses on vegetables and vagueness; insects and alcohol; kippers, quantum physics, and recycling, Matt Harvey's collection of poems exuberantly reaffirms his status as someone who's really good at this sort of thing. Horticultural, whimsical, ecological, political, and just plain funny, *Where Earwigs Dare* contains a rich biodiversity of verse—some recycled from Matt's appearances on Radio 4's *Saturday Live* and his stint writing "Desktop Poetry" for the *Guardian*, others that bubbled doggedly up of their own accord from a grim sense of *joie de vivre*. There's enough stuff about potatoes and leeks, about clouds, sheds, and slugs to qualify as a Green Book—and enough about kippers and cows, pain relief, petty theft, and public nudity to qualify as a typical Harvey offering. There is also an introduction to Empath Man, contemporary superhero who fights crime through his advanced listening skills and ability to stay open and vulnerable in a tight situation.

**Contributor Bio**
*Matt Harvey* is a poet who performs at festivals, cabarets, conferences, and colleges. He is founder of Wondermentalist, the comedy-infused, musically enhanced, slightly interactive poetry cabaret.

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**Exotic Gardens of the Eastern Caribbean**
Margaret Gajek, Derek Galon

**Summary**
Showing a wide spectrum of West Indies gardens, from a tiny garden in an urban backyard to spectacular places designed by renowned landscapers, this book provides a fascination and passion for tropical gardening with a lively touch and detailed research. The texts are lightly translated to French, making it a bilingual book for a wider audience. The gardens on display here includes the Montreal Gardens on St. Vincent, Diamond Gardens on St. Lucia, and Hunte's Gardens on Barbados. The final chapter demonstrates ideas for flower arrangements using tropical flowers and step-by-step instructions of three flower arrangements done by fine flower designers from Grenada, with their original comments.

**Contributor Bio**
*Margaret Gajek* has a degree in art history and has worked as a researcher in that field, cataloging heritage architectural treasures, writing articles, and giving lectures. *Derek Galon* has been winning awards and exhibiting works of photography since he was in his teens, has worked as a musician and graphic designer, and is the author of *The Savvy Way to Successful Website Promotion*. They both live in Victoria, British Columbia.
Growing Media for Ornamental Plants and Turf (4th Edition)
Kevin Handreck, Neil Black

Summary
For more than 20 years this essential reference has been the bible for Australian students of horticulture—and for practicing horticulturists, groundskeepers, landscapers, and gardeners. With 42 new illustrations, this updated edition has been substantially revised to include the latest advances in horticultural production, with significant revisions to chapters on soil-borne diseases, fertilizers, nursery practices, turf irrigation, and drainage. Other additions to the book include plans for roof gardens, vertical gardens, and water-recycling projects.

Contributor Bio
Kevin Handreck is the managing director of Netherwood Horticultural Consultants in Adelaide, New South Wales. He chaired the committees that set the Australian standard for potting mixes, composts, soil conditioners, mulches, and soils for landscaping and garden use. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1982 and the Nursery Industry Association of Australia Award of Merit in 1990.

Neil Black is a retired teacher of horticulture and the recipient of the 2006 Australia Day Honours award for services to education.

Garden Styles
An Essential Guide
Freda Cox

Summary
Whether your garden is large or small, in the town or the country, you can create your own distinctive style, drawing inspiration from the past as well as looking to the future. This book offers very different and inspirational styles from around the world to encourage you to try something new in your own garden. Exploring garden designs from ancient to modern, it gives an overview of eleven different styles: introducing their history, analyzing their key elements, and giving practical tips and a plant list for each. Garden styles covered include classic, informal, cottage, Mediterranean and dry, exotic and sub-tropical, Japanese, Islamic, modern, water, and future.

Contributor Bio
Freda Cox is an artist and writer who specializes in plant and garden-related topics. She has contributed botanical paintings, illustrations, photographs, and articles to numerous publications and organized exhibitions. She is the former UK branch head of the Mediterranean Garden Society.
Native Plants for High-Elevation Western Gardens (2nd Edition)
Janice Busco, Nancy R. Morin

Summary
150 species of native plants guaranteed to be low-maintenance successes for people who live in the high-altitude regions of the American West (5,000 feet and above).

Contributor Bio
Janice Busco has 20 years experience with Western native plants as an environmental horticulturist, consultant, and educator. She has served as co-director of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers and Native Plants in Sun Valley, California, and as horticulturist at The Arboretum at Flagstaff. Nancy R. Morin worked for 15 years at the Missouri Botanical Garden, eventually becoming the assistant director, and another 3 years as executive director of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta before coming to Flagstaff to serve as director of The Arboretum at Flagstaff.

Complete Guide to Fruit Growing
Peter Blackburne-Maze

Summary
Growing fruit in the garden has never been so popular—or so easy. This guide takes a fresh look at many of the established favorites and new varieties now available, offering practical guidance for achieving top-quality results. Everything from selection, preparation, and planting to pollination, pest control, and harvesting is covered, and full details are included on the most popular fruits—apples, pears, plums, and cherries—and on less commonly cultivated kinds such as nectarines and figs. Featuring a section of growing fruit in greenhouses, this revised and updated edition is the complete manual for a satisfying and profitable hobby.

Contributor Bio
Peter Blackburne-Maze is a professional horticulturist and writer specializing in fruit and vegetables. He is the author of the companion volume The Complete Guide to Vegetable Growing.
Garden Farming
Hugh Lanham

Summary
The joy of really fresh, home-grown food seduces many of us. Hugh and Claire Lanham have run various miniature smallholdings for more than thirty years—some in gardens and others on allotments. They are not self-sufficient or truly organic, but they do produce a great deal of very good meat and vegetables that often taste much better than the produce sold in supermarkets. Moreover, their ethos is that food production must not take over your life or be so demanding as to spoil the fun. This practical guide explains how they do it, proving essential reading for all those who want to engage in substantial domestic food production but who stop short of embracing the very demanding lifestyle choice of self-sufficiency.

Contributor Bio
Hugh Lanham is a chartered accountant who is passionate about producing and eating good food.

Gardeners' World Practical Gardening Handbook
Traditional Techniques, Expert Skills, Innovative Ideas
Toby Buckland

Summary
In this brilliant new official companion to Gardeners' World, lead presenter Toby Buckland offers a complete guide to making you a better gardener. Toby sees the garden as connected to the kitchen, the compost heap and the world beyond. He encourages us to turn gardening into an adventure rather than a list of chores. It becomes a workshop to fashion an apple press from skip-scavenged timber, or a warm greenhouse sanctuary. Borders aren't just for weeding, they're for strawberries by the bushel load. Piles of golden leaves along the roadside aren't just the soggy debris of autumn but the potential for soil-enriching leaf mould. Opening our eyes to these connections helps us appreciate the joy of gardening, and this book teaches you the craft. However big or small your plot, whether you are starting from scratch or looking for new ideas to refresh an established scheme, the Practical Gardening Handbook will show you how to bring your garden alive.

Contributor Bio
Toby Buckland joined the Gardeners' World team in September 2008. Known for his creative but practical approach to gardening, he is a hands-on gardener with a passion for fruit and vegetable growing. He has a reputation for building artistic garden features made from plants and recycled materials. Toby trained and worked as a rose and pinks nurseryman and gardener before studying at Hadlow College, Kent and later worked at The University of Cambridge Botanic Garden. Toby has written for many newspapers and gardening magazines and has written one previous book, How to Make Your Garden Grow.
Old Nectar
A Garden for All Seasons
Una van der Spuy

Summary
One of South Africa's best-known and well-loved gardeners shares the history and stories behind Old Nectar, the famous South African garden that has been visited and admired for decades. Detailing the garden's humble and inauspicious beginnings—including a neglected property that lacked modern conveniences such as electricity and indoor plumbing—this keepsake discusses how the garden gained worldwide acclaim for its variety and year-round splendor. This beautifully designed book, filled with some 200 exquisite photographs, shows off the several different gardens that make up Una van der Spuy's creation, and presents the range of flowers, plants, and trees through the various seasons of the year.

Contributor Bio
Una van der Spuy is a renowned gardener who purchased the property of Old Nectar in 1941 and in 1951 it was declared a National Monument, the only private garden to hold that honor in South Africa.

Creating a Forest Garden
Working with Nature to Grow Edible Crops
Martin Crawford

Summary
Offering inspiration for all gardeners, this book features beautiful color photographs and illustrations throughout, and is divided into two parts. Part One looks at why and how to grow particular crops and how to look after them for maximum health. Part Two features more than 100 perennial edibles in detail, both common and unusual, from rhubarb to skirret and Jerusalem artichoke to nodding onions. This book also provides plenty of cooking tips.

Contributor Bio
Martin Crawford has spent more than 20 years in organic agriculture and horticulture, and is director of the Agroforestry Research Trust, a nonprofit charity that researches temperate agroforestry and all aspects of plant cropping and uses, with a focus on tree, shrub, and perennial crops. The Trust produces several publications and a quarterly journal, and sells plants and seeds. He is the author of several books, including A Forest Garden Year and How to Grow Perennial Vegetables.


**Kids' Container Gardening** *(2nd Edition)*

*Year-Round Projects for Inside and Out*

Cindy Krezel, Bruce Curtis

**Summary**

With 18 projects gleaned from the author’s experience as director of the Good Earth Kids’ Club, *Kids’ Container Gardening* will teach enthusiastic young gardeners how to create an assortment of container gardens that are simple to make, that are fun to work on, and that make great gifts. Organized by season, the book’s chapters will help kids develop their green thumbs with projects ranging from “Great Big Garden Bowls for Mom,” “Father’s Day Fountains,” and other special occasion/holiday containers to sand art terrariums. In addition to providing the basics on plants and gardening, this helpful guide also includes a glossary of terms, a listing of plants used in the book, a list of resources, and numerous photographs to show kids that they’re proceeding on the right path as they create their individual containers.

**Contributor Bio**

*Cindy Krezel* has written articles appearing in *Long Island Gardening, Newsday,* and the *New York Times,* and organizes gardening programs for children. *Bruce Curtis* is a professional photographer whose work has appeared in numerous books and calendars.

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**Water-Efficient Gardening**

John Marder

**Summary**

Offering a broad perspective on how to make the best of the precious resource of water in your garden, this book reveals how conserving water in your garden does not necessarily restrict the gardener to dry gravel beds, but can also involve lawns, leafy crops, and flowery borders. Topics covered include the natural science of water-efficient gardening, choosing a style and design, water-efficient plants, and techniques to save on water.

**Contributor Bio**

John Marder has more than 30 years of experience in professional horticulture, as craftsman, technologist, designer, and teacher. He has designed and constructed five water-efficient demonstration gardens.
**How to Make and Use Compost**

*The Ultimate Guide*

Nicky Scott

**Summary**

Whether you live in a flat with a balcony or have a family and garden that generates large amounts of food and green waste, this book shows you how to compost everything that can be composted—at home, work, or school, and in spaces big or small. It covers how to create the right mix for successful garden compost; how to compost food waste safely; the full range of composting systems; composting with a wormery; making liquid feeds and your own seed and potting compost; and composting in schools, with advice on getting a school scheme started. *How to Make and Use Compost* features a comprehensive A-to-Z guide, which includes what you can and can’t compost, concepts and techniques, and common problems and solutions.

**Contributor Bio**

Nicky Scott is the coordinator of the Devon Community Composting Network; he helps set up community composting groups and advises schools and businesses on composting kitchen waste. He was involved in the development of the “Ridan” composter, now widely used for composting food waste. He is the author of *Composting for All* and *Composting: An Easy Household Guide*.

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**Rick Baker's The 7-Minute Organic Garden**

Rick Baker

**Summary**

Offering solutions through sustainable gardening methods, this guide takes readers on an easy to understand journey from the philosophy of organic gardening to planting, planning, and harvesting. To make the process easy for beginners and experts alike, this book features step-by-step pictorial instructions to address the essential steps, along with stunning photos, charts, tables, and more. Other highlights include methods to eliminate hand-watering and weeding, a system to make food healthier and safer, and a guide to saving 80 percent of water typically used for gardening.

**Contributor Bio**

Rick Baker is a writer, a former television producer, the owner of the internet technology company eCorporation, and an environmentalist. He has spent the last nine years managing a certified organic farm. He lives in Lexington, Kentucky.

Recycling Household and Garden Waste

Pauline Pears, Charlotte Green

**Summary**

This totally updated and fully revised edition of Pauline Pears' successful first book shows you how to make, and make the best of, compost by recycling your household and garden waste.

**Contributor Bio**

Pauline Pears has been involved in the practice and promotion of organic gardening for more than 20 years. She is the author of "All About Compost," "The Garden Organic Guide to Growing Vegetables," "Pests: How to Control Them on Fruit & Vegetables."

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**Gale Nurseries**

Four Generations of Garden Excellence

Adam Levine, Chuck Gale, Rob Cardillo

**Summary**

Showcasing a compilation of the most exquisite and colorful gardening designs of the past four decades, this sumptuously illustrated collection celebrates the history and development of one of America's most influential and renowned horticultural pioneers. Garnering numerous awards and recognitions for their ground-breaking work—including honors from the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, and the Philadelphia Flower Show—this beautiful archive relates the stories of each garden's creation, with client interviews and details from noted architects and designers. Opulent photography and concise cultivation insight brings each amazing garden to life and demonstrates the breadth of style, innovation, creativity, and execution by one of the country's most highly regarded gardening families.

**Contributor Bio**

A Forest Garden Year
With Martin Crawford
Martin Crawford

Summary
Gardener Martin Crawford takes you through the seasons in his Devon forest garden, and shows you how to plan your planting to mimic the layering, density, and diversity of a forest. Fifteen years ago, inspired by the pioneering work of Robert Hart, Crawford moved from conventional organic gardening to creating a forest garden from a bare field. Today his garden is a wonderful example of what can be done with a minimum of effort to produce an abundant crop of unusual edible trees, plants, shrubs, and ground cover. The principles of forest gardening can be applied to spaces big and small. A wide variety of edible plants can be grown: Nepalese raspberry, Siberian purslane, Turkish rocket and Good King Henry, lime trees (their leaves make a good salad), bamboo (young shoots are tasty when steamed), snowbell trees (for their fruit), mulberry, and chokeberry. *A Forest Garden Year* shows how to graft an apple tree to crop a variety of apples over several months, how to grow shiitake mushrooms and perennial leeks, how to pollard and prune, protect crops from wind, attract beneficial insects, ...

Contributor Bio
Martin Crawford has spent more than 20 years in organic agriculture and horticulture, and is director of the Agroforestry Research Trust, a nonprofit charity that researches temperate agroforestry and all aspects of plant cropping and uses, with a focus on tree, shrub, and perennial crops. The Trust produces several publications and a quarterly journal, and sells plants and seeds. He is the author of several books, including *Creating a Forest Garden* and *How to Grow Perennial Vegetables.*

From Seed to Plate
Paolo Arrigo

Summary
The best way to get fresh, tasty ingredients is to grow your own. Italians have known this for centuries, and no Italian house, apartment, school or office is complete unless it has a little bit of space in which to grow tomatoes, herbs, salad leaves and whatever else can be crammed in. *From Seed to Plate* covers that very Italian tradition of growing to cook, using recipes handed down from cook to cook, often through generations. Paolo Arrigo shares his family's practical traditions and 'passione' for food, guiding readers on the best varieties to grow, offering growing tips and explaining how all the resulting delicious produce should be best prepared, cooked and preserved.

Including recipes from Paolo's own family, delicatessens, favourite restaurants and chefs such as Georgio Locatelli, Antony WorrallThompson, Rose Prince, Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall and many more, this is a book that persuades us to look at food in a different way - the Italian way.
101 Shade-Loving Plants
Ideas to Lighten Shadows
James Wickham

Summary
Few gardens have constant sun, but this doesn't mean they have to be gloomy. Even the most shaded gardens can be full of color and variety. Packed with expert instruction on planting and aftercare, and full-color photography displaying each flower idea, 101 Shade-Loving Plants is full of diverse ideas to suit all gardens. Banish the dark from shady places once and for all.

Contributor Bio
James Wickham is a contributor to such magazines as BBC Gardeners' World and The Irish Garden.

The Polytunnel Handbook
Planning/Siting/Erecting/Using/Maintaining
Mark Gatter, Andy McKee

Summary
A polytunnel can be used as an affordable, low-carbon aid to growing your own food all year round, and this manual looks at all aspects of using a polytunnel, from planning your purchase to harvesting the rewards. It includes a step-by-step guide detailing how polytunnels are constructed and maintained. There are chapters on developing healthy soil and preventing pests, and a jargon-free guide to the range of often mystifying accessories that many tunnel retailers offer. For the DIY enthusiast, there is a full set of instructions for building a polytunnel from scratch, and the authors explain how to keep your polytunnel productive in every season.

Contributor Bio
Mark Gatter began growing vegetables while homesteading in north California in the early 1980s, and has been a gardener ever since. He relies on a polytunnel to keep fresh food on the table through the winter. Andy McKee uses his polytunnel to keep his family entirely self-sufficient in vegetables. They are the authors of How to Grow Food in Your Polytunnel.
Stuart Robertson's Tips on Container Gardening

Stuart Robertson

Summary
Whether on a third-floor balcony or a back deck, to produce food or decoration, this handbook makes container gardening easy. Penned by a notable expert in the field, it explains the differences between container and ground-level gardening in detail and offers solutions to common problems. Based solely on organic principles and techniques, this unique reference is suitable for all levels of gardening expertise.

Contributor Bio
Stuart Robertson has been answering gardening questions on CBC radio and television for nearly three decades. He writes a weekly gardening column for the *Montreal Gazette* and has been a freelance garden writer for more than 25 years. He is the author of *Stuart Robertson's Tips on Organic Gardening*. He lives in Montreal, Québec.

101 Bold and Beautiful Flowers

Ideas for Year-Round Colour

James Alexander-Sinclair

Summary
There is nothing more stunning than a garden bursting with color. Whether you want glorious borders or striking pots, *101 Bold and Beautiful Flowers* is full of plant ideas and aftercare tips. Grouped by color and with advice on each flower, you can find the perfect plant solutions for your garden. With opulent photography accompanying every suggestion, this little book is a wonderful inspiration.

Contributor Bio
James Alexander-Sinclair is a garden designer and journalist. He has written for *BBC Homes & Antiques*, *Country Living*, *Daily Express*, *Homes & Gardens*, *House & Garden*, *Period Living*, and *Sunday Express*, and his own house and garden were featured in *Grand Designs* magazine.

Forest Gardening with Robert Hart

Robert Hart

Summary
This film explores the practical and philosophical ideas of the late Robert Hart who, some 45 years ago, had a vision of planting a small food-producing forest which could fulfill the needs of a healthy diet and at the same time create a beautiful and ecologically sound environment. He based his ideas on tropical forest gardens, which combine maximum output with minimum labor. The film goes...
on to look at two other projects inspired by the principles of forest gardening and perennial vegetable growing. On a windy plot in Cornwall, Ken Fern has set up Plants for a Future, where he grows 1500 species of useful perennial plants (with a further 5,000 on a database). Ken’s idea is to create a garden which caters for all our needs and can be enjoyed. And a few miles north of London, Mike and Julia Guerra have created a tiny garden as an inspiration to anyone wishing to act locally. For as little as two hours a week, they can grow produce for six months of the year, by successfully combining the techniques of permaculture design, forest gardening and conventional organic growing.

**Contributor Bio**

Robert Hart was the pioneer of forest gardening in the UK. His work inspired many others to pursue his vision of a more self-sufficient and vibrant community based on agroforestry techniques.

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**Strange Blooms**

The Curious Lives and Adventures of the John Tradescants

Jennifer Potter

**Summary**

Now in paperback, this beautifully written and gorgeously produced book describes the remarkable lives and times of the John Tradescants, father and son. In 17th-century Britain, a new breed of "curious" gardeners was pushing at the frontiers of knowledge and new plants were stealing into Europe from East and West. John Tradescant and his son were at the vanguard of this change—as gardeners, as collectors, and above all as exemplars of an age that began in wonder and ended with the dawning of science. Meticulously researched and vividly evoking the drama of their lives, this book takes readers to the edge of an expanding universe, and is a magnificent pleasure for gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

**Contributor Bio**

Jennifer Potter is the author of three novels and two works of non-fiction, *Secret Gardens* and *Lost Gardens*, written to accompany the television series. She reviews regularly for the TLS and writes on travel and gardens for a wide range of national newspapers and magazines.
Plant Protection
Managing Greenhouse Insect and Mite Pests
Raymond A. Cloyd

Summary
This introduction to the basics of managing insects in a greenhouse environment discusses insect and mite feeding behaviors while offering excellent descriptions and photographs of several economically significant pests, including whiteflies, thrips, and leafminers. This resource covers the details of handling and applying pesticides, including modes of action and pesticide rotation, tank mixes, application timing and coverage, plant phytotoxicity to pesticides, and proper pesticide storage. Ideal for horticulture students, beginning growers, and experienced hands who could use a refresher on safe and effective control of greenhouse insects, this guide helps growers maximize a crop's economic value by helping identify and properly treat pest problems before it is too late.

Contributor Bio
Raymond A. Cloyd is an associate professor at Kansas State University. He has published more than 200 trade journal articles on topics related to pest management in greenhouses and he is the author of IPM for Gardeners and Pests and Diseases of Herbaceous Perennials. He lives in Manhattan, Kansas.

Stuart Robertson's Tips on Organic Gardening
Stuart Robertson

Summary
Brimming with simple but effective techniques perfected over decades of dirty work, novice and experienced gardeners alike benefit from this charming handbook on the joys of rural and urban gardening in the northern United States. Emphasizing the use of products carefully formulated to positively impact the environment, each tip and explanation works tirelessly toward the overarching goal of demystifying the world of organic gardening. Chapters such as Composting; Fertilizing; Watering and Irrigation; Planting; Lawn Care; Pests; Putting the Garden to Bed; and Tools ensure that this handy guide will become dog-eared and soiled from the wear and tear of constant referencing.

Contributor Bio
Stuart Robertson is a freelance gardening writer who has been answering gardening questions on CBC Radio and TV for nearly three decades. He lives in Montreal, Quebec.
**Great Landscape Evergreens**
Vincent A. Simeone, Bruce Curtis, Margaret Roach, …

**Summary**
This accessible guide identifies the best evergreens for landscaping purposes, including how they can be used to best effect as borders, hedges, living fences, privacy screens, or to block unsightly views. Detailed entries for more than 80 species—from conifers and broadleaf evergreens to deciduous and semi-evergreen shrubs—describe each plant’s size, shape, color, flower (if applicable), light and soil requirements, and hardiness zones while color photographs show each evergreen integrated into the landscape to help gardeners, homeowners, and landscape designers select the perfect evergreen for the right spot and use.

**Contributor Bio**

**Vincent A. Simeone** is the director of Planting Fields Arboretum state historic park in Oyster Bay, New York. He is a lecturer, teacher, horticultural consultant, and the author of *Great Flowering Landscape Shrubs*, *Great Flowering Landscape Trees*, and *Wonders of the Winter Landscape*. He lives in Oyster Bay, New York. **Bruce Curtis** is a photographer whose work has appeared in *Time*, *LIFE*, and *Sports Illustrated* magazines. His photography appears in many books, including *Great Flowering Landscape Shrubs*, *Kids’ Container Gardening*, and *Wonders of the Winter Landscape*. He lives in Roslyn, New York. **Margaret Roach** is the editorial director of *Martha Stewart Living*. She lives in New York City. **A. Wayne Cahilly** is a horticulturist at New York Botanical Garden. He lives in Dumont, New Jersey.

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**Salad Leaves**
*Organic Growing from Pot to Plot*
Charles Dowding

**Summary**
This compendium of practical methods for growing a wide variety of salads throughout the year will inspire you to grow your own greens, whether on a windowsill, in your garden, or on your allotment. Here is all the information you need for productive, healthy, and tasty salads. The subtleties of salad seasons and virtues of different leaves throughout the year are discussed and there are delicious and imaginative recipes to try, exploiting the fantastic flavors, color, and vitality of home-grown salad leaves.

**Contributor Bio**

**Charles Dowding** has been growing organic vegetables commercially for 30 years, without soil cultivation. He is the author of *How to Grow Winter Vegetables* and *Organic Gardening*. He also writes articles for several gardening publications, lectures, and runs courses on how best to look after soil and plants.
**How to Store Your Garden Produce (2nd Edition)**  
*The Key to Self-Sufficiency*  
Piers Warren, Chris Winn, Tessa Pettingell

**Summary**  
This modern guide to storing and preserving your garden produce enables you to eat home-grown goodness all year round. The easy-to-use reference section provides storage and preservation techniques for the majority of plant produce commonly grown in gardens and allotments. Storing your garden produce is the key to self-sufficiency because, with less than an acre of garden, you can grow enough produce to feed a family of four for a year. Much of the produce will ripen simultaneously in the summer; without proper storage most of it will go to waste. Simple and enjoyable techniques for storing your produce are provided so you can embrace the wonderful world of self-sufficiency. In the A-to-Z list of produce, each entry includes recommended varieties, suggested methods of storage, and a number of recipes, from how to make your own cider and pickled gherkins to how to string onions and dry your own apple rings. You’ll know where your food has come from, you’ll save money, there won’t be any packaging, and you’ll be eating tasty local food while feeling good about it.

**Contributor Bio**  
Piers Warren is the author of several books, including *101 Uses for Stinging Nettles* and *British Native Trees: Their Past and Present Uses*. He also teaches wildlife filmmaking.

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**Gardening Secrets**  
National Trust Head Gardeners

**Summary**  
Whether caring for a rambling country garden or a modest urban plot, this guide offers a bounty of seasonal hints and practical tips to help make the most of any outside space. For those who have been inspired by the year-round beauty of Britain’s National Trust gardens, here is a chance to learn from the experts and benefit from their years of experience. Featuring 60 color photos, this is an ideal guide for gardeners of all levels of experience and ambition.
Coming Up Roses
Stories of Gardens and Life
Caroline Oakley

Summary
This fiction anthology collects Welsh women’s writing about gardens: what they mean, what happens in them, and where they take them. In “Yellow Ribbons on a Pear Tree” an Italian POW returns home to a mixed welcome from his wife and family. "Gift” is a tale of loss, love, and misunderstandings set around a memorial oak sapling. “Rosemary and Rue” concerns memory and what it means to lose it. “Seasons of Brews and Roses” tells of the love between mother and daughter and its waxing and waning, in good times and bad. There are sad stories, happy ones, tales from home, and those from abroad; all share a love for plants and planting, flowers and seeds, and a real sense of the power of growing things to change lives.

Contributor Bio
Caroline Oakley is the coeditor of the anthology Written in Blood, and is a former editorial director at Orion Books in London.

Great Flowering Landscape Trees
Vincent A. Simeone, Bruce Curtis

Summary
Devoted entirely to the flowering trees most recommended for home and urban landscapes, this handy encyclopedia discusses the basics—horticultural terms, botanic names, hardiness zones, and native versus exotic species—as well as each tree’s unique characteristics, such as height, spread, flower color and size, flowering period, fruit, and seeds. Entries are supplemented with pertinent growing tips regarding pests and diseases, as well as the benefits of exceptional varieties and cultivars. A second section discusses siting and caring for trees, including the importance of proper soil, nutrition, light, and pruning instructions. Special care is given to detail the process of integrated pest management, which uses natural and organic treatments when possible. The volume concludes with a glossary of terms, resources for finding trees, a list of public gardens worth visiting, and a selection of the author’s favorite trees.

Contributor Bio
Vincent A. Simeone is the manager of Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park in Oyster Bay, New York. He is a lecturer, teacher, and horticultural consultant and the author of Great Flowering Landscape Shrubs and Wonders of the Winter Landscape. He lives in Oyster Bay, New York. Bruce Curtis has been a photographer for Time, Life, and Sports Illustrated. He lives in Albertson, New York.
Seven Deadly Sins of Gardening
And the Vices and Virtues of Gardeners
Toby Musgrave, Mike Calnan

Summary
With chapters that include Lust, Wrath, Sloth, and Gluttony, this is an amusing history of British gardening's greatest eccentrics. Recorded here are the vices, virtues, and quirks of British gardeners through the ages, particularly those who shaped the gardens of the National Trust. From the obsessive to the visionary, the eclectic to the eccentric, each chapter explores how gardeners played out their excesses, thus revealing the gardens' secrets—how and why they were created; the fortunes lavished and lost; clandestine and unorthodox uses; and hidden meanings. For example, Sir Francis Dashwood's lusty garden at West Wycombe in Buckinghamshire has been described as "laid out by a curious arrangement of streams, bushes, and plantation to represent the female form." A rare treat for garden lovers everywhere.

Cacti and Succulents
A Complete Guide to Species, Cultivation and Care
Gideon F. Smith

Summary
Readers will learn about more than 50 species of cacti and more than 10 families of succulents, including their ideal locations, natural habitats, and care and feeding needs, in this complete guide to these captivating plants. Beautiful specimen plants from six garden collections the world over, from Zurich to Phoenix, are detailed in full. Complete descriptions, including color photographs, will help readers identify their plants, and detailed care instructions will help them make sure that their plants thrive—whether they are being grown indoors or outside, in the city or in the country.

Contributor Bio
Gideon F. Smith is a past president of the International Organization for Succulent Plant Study, chairman of the World Flora Project, and holds positions on the steering committees of many international botanical initiatives. He has published more than 500 scientific and popular papers on the taxonomy, biology, and evolution of succulent plants, and has won numerous awards for his work with succulents.
Cacti and Succulents
An Illustrated Guide to the Plants and their Cultivation
Graham Charles

Summary
An essential guide to cacti and other succulents, featuring 420 color photos and a wealth of information on the plants and their cultivation. Beautifully illustrated and highly accessible, this guide is both an instructive practical manual and a rich source of reference. More than 250 different species or genera and their natural habitats are profiled and illustrated. Topics include: the unique nature of succulents; their natural environment; history, classification, and nomenclature; watering, feeding, general care, and propagation; and pests and diseases. Lavishly illustrated, this is an indispensable guide for growers and enthusiasts.
Graham Charles is a National Cactus and Succulent Society judge and lecturer.

Gardening at Eden
And How to Do It at Home
Matthew Biggs

Summary
The Eden Project in Cornwall, England is unique as a botanic garden: it is young enough that those who created it are still around to share their vast gardening knowledge. Written and photographed during a year spent with Eden’s experts, this book focuses on Eden’s various habitats and how they are gardened; the horticultural techniques used and the lessons learned; and how this gardening expertise and experience can be applied to one’s own garden. Genuinely inspirational, this gardening guide is lavishly illustrated and full of practical advice.

Contributor Bio
Matthew Biggs is the author of Gardener’s Question Time, Gardener’s Question Time Plant Chooser, and Matthew Biggs’s Complete Book of Vegetables.
Beyond the Camellia Belt
Breeding, Propagating, and Growing Cold-Hardy Camellias
William L. Ackerman

Summary
Gardeners seeking to adorn landscapes in more northerly climates with delicate camellia blossoms will learn how to in this comprehensive guide. Following a brief history of the genus Camellia and the breeding process which has enabled strains to survive in colder climates, this guide outlines the steps to success—from siting, planting, and fertilizing to pruning, propagating, and controlling pests and diseases. Besides offering a wealth of time-tested advice—from one who for more than 40 years has mounted extensive research in the cultivation of camellias suitable for areas outside of their natural habitat and has had a type of camellia named after him—this handbook provides a list of camellia varieties that will thrive in zones five and six, as well as appendices identifying camellia societies, nursery sources, collections, and suggested readings.

Contributor Bio
William L. Ackerman is a former president of the Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley and the author of Growing Camellias in Cold Climates. A research horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, DC, until his retirement, he continues his research and experimentation with hybridization of cold-hardy spring- and fall-flowering camellias and the development of commercially acceptable yellow camellias. He lives in Ashton, Maryland.

How to Propagate
Techniques and Tips for Over 1000 Plants
John Cushnie

Summary
Almost all modern home gardeners run to a nursery at the start of every new growing season and stock up on perennials, maple saplings, and shrubs—but they don’t have to. Propagating one’s own plants is far from a difficult gardening feat, and it can be an exhilarating gardening accomplishment. The propagation techniques explained in this guide make it easy to propagate many common plants. Detailed information on plant hygiene, temperature and humidity, and the care of newborn plants up to planting time will round out a budding propagator’s knowledge, and get them started on the road to home-grown success.

Contributor Bio
John Cushnie has been propagating plants for more than 40 years, and is the author of Gardener’s Question Time and Trees for the Yard and Garden. He is the presenter of BBC-TV’s The Greenmount Garden and writes for the Daily Telegraph, Interior and Living, and Gardener’s World.
Palms and Cycads
A Complete Guide to Selecting, Growing and Propagating
David Squire

Summary
Providing comprehensive information on care and cultivation, as well as sound advice on determining perfect plant location, this reference profiles 99 palm and 17 cycad species. Plant lovers looking to add a tropical accent to the garden or wanting to invest in a low-maintenance houseplant will find plenty of guidance in this alphabetical guide to plants suited to a variety of climates and soil types. A special section also provides help with matching palm species to indoor and outdoor settings and features further brief entries on 85 palms and 18 cycad species, making it an extremely useful source book for gardeners, interiorscapers, and landscapers all over the world.

Contributor Bio
David Squire is a horticulturist and the author of more than 70 gardening and plant-related books including Small Gardens, Successful Bonsai, and The Scented Garden, which won the Garden Writers of America Quill and Trowel Award.

The Outdoor Room
Jamie Durie, Simon Kenny

Summary
Elegant and practical, this manual—covering all aspects of designing outdoor spaces, including walls, floors, lighting, and water features—is full of simple but effective ideas to spark horticultural creativity. Ideal for designers and gardeners in search of the unique, this work provides a treasure trove of hints for making the most of small gardening spaces and making larger spaces worlds unto themselves.

Contributor Bio
Jamie Durie is the author of Patio and Patio Source Book and the host of Australia's highest-rated garden show, Backyard Blitz. He is the manager of his own landscape design business and is a former dancer, model, and gymnast who performed with the Cirque du Soleil. Simon Kenny is a photographer who specializes in architecture, interiors, lifestyle, and kids.
Wild Flowers
Graham Murphy

Summary
Wildflowers bring to many of us remembrance of a lost world of childhood enchantment—of woodlands, riverbanks, and lush fields. In this lovely album, brimming with color pictures and fascinating botanical details, Britain’s National Trust brings us some of the nation’s most beloved wildflowers—Bluebells, Burnet Roses, Wild Honeysuckle, Snowdrops, Sweet Violets, Marsh Marigolds, and Evening Primroses among them. An ideal book for gardeners, travelers, and nature lovers.

Garden Plants for Mediterranean Climates
Graham Payne, Hugh Johnson

Summary
A lavish guide to planning, planting, and maintaining a Mediterranean garden, featuring an A-Z of more than 1,000 plants and 500 color photos. No image of the Mediterranean is complete without flowering climbers, colorful shrubs, or lush gardens. Now you can enjoy Mediterranean plants in your own garden. With sections on specific plants and general care, Garden Plants for Mediterranean Climates will help you to choose and grow the region's most beautiful plants. This book includes: an introduction to Mediterranean climate and points to consider when planning a garden; key features of a Mediterranean garden, including climbing plants, palms, pots, and pergolas; advice on watering and soil care; ideas on which plants to use where; an A to Z of more than 1,000 plants; and 500 gorgeous color photos.

Contributor Bio
After training in horticulture, Graham Payne followed a career as a gardener. He became Head Gardener of Downing College in Cambridge and then Head Gardener of Jesus College where he oversaw some twenty-seven acres of intensively managed gardens and sports grounds, as well as fifty other properties. He has now retired to southern Europe.
Hedges and Hedgelaying
A Guide to Planting, Management and Conservation
Murray Maclean

Summary
In recent years there has been a much greater appreciation of the enormous contribution that hedges make to the countryside. Today, their beauty, their ability to provide wind protection and contain livestock, their environmental importance, and their significance as a wildlife habitat are all widely recognized. Not surprisingly, this transformation in the way we view hedges has, in turn, produced a welcome revival in the ancient craft of hedgelaying. Whether you own hedges, are thinking of growing them, or just have an interest in hedgerows this fascinating, well-illustrated book will be of value to you. This guide contains of wealth of practical information, covering the selection of hedgerow shrubs and trees and the associated significance of soil types and topography; the planting of hedges and the necessary preparation work; the use of trees in the hedgerow and the value of field margins; weed, pest, and disease control, and hedge cutting, maintenance, and protection; and the craft of hedgelaying and the tools and processes involved.

Contributor Bio
Murray Maclean owns a fruit and vegetable farm and is an established grower of hedgerow trees and shrubs. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies for this theses on the production of trees and shrubs.

Trees: Their Use, Management, Cultivation and Biology
A Comprehensive Guide
Bob Watson

Summary
This book is an essential reference tool for all those who have a passion for trees as well as those who work in tree-related professions whether they be garden managers, forest and country park wardens, foresters, woodland managers, or those working in the fields of arboriculture and horticulture. This volume is also intended to be a textbook of trees aimed at arboriculture, horticulture, and forestry students.

Contributor Bio
Bob Watson is a lecturer in amenity tree management, tree biology, arboriculture, urban forestry, and forest pathology.
Cutting Propagation
A Guide to Propagating and Producing Floriculture Crops
John M. Dole, James L. Gibson

Summary
The latest techniques for propagating crops with terminal, stem, and leaf/stem cuttings are the focus of this horticulture handbook. All the bases are covered—propagation basics, stock plant management, media, temperature, light, nutrition, plant growth regulators, insect and disease management, equipment, and postharvest handling. From these general subjects, the editors focus in on specifics for scores of specialty bedding plants, perennials, specialty cut flowers, and foliage plants. Then they zoom in even closer, covering more than 60 important floriculture crops in detail so propagators and growers can provide high-quality cuttings and young plants to the market.

Contributor Bio
John M. Dole is a professor of floriculture at North Carolina State University–Raleigh and the coauthor of Butterflies of Oklahoma, Kansas, and North Texas and Floriculture. He is the recipient of the Allan M. Armitage and Outstanding Service Awards from the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers. He lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. James L. Gibson is an assistant professor of nursery production and management at University of Florida–Milton. He is the recipient of the 2005 West Florida Research and Education Center Faculty of the Year Award, the 2003 American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Extension Materials Award, the Southern Region ASHS Extension Award, and the 2002 John Carew Memorial Floriculture Industry Research and Scholarship Trust. He lives in Milton, Florida.

Patio
Garden Design & Inspiration
Jamie Durie, David Matheson

Summary
Packed with design instruction and horticulture tips, this paperback version of Jamie Durie's bestselling gardening-design book provides all the necessary information and inspiration to create glamorous garden and patio spaces. Stunning photographs highlight stylish, award-winning landscape designs created in Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Each photograph is accompanied by a complete discussion of the design and its elements, including watering requirements, featured plants, and optimal lighting. Tips and instructions help inspire gardeners to create their own original designs.

Contributor Bio
Jamie Durie is the author of The Outdoor Room and Patio Source Book. He is host of Backyard Blitz, which is currently Australian television's highest-rated garden show. He manages his own landscape design business and has worked as a dancer, model, and gymnast who performed as an acrobat and trapeze artist and trained with the Cirque du Soleil. David Matheson is a professional freelance photographer with more than 10 years' experience in travel, food, interiors and lifestyle photography.
Grasses and Bamboos
A Practical Guide
Ian Cooke

Summary
Practical growing techniques and creative display ideas are showcased in this comprehensive guide to ornamental grasses and bamboos. Grasses have gained popularity in recent years, and tropical plants like bamboo are incorporated more frequently into Northern gardeners’ landscapes. This guide provides an overview of grass structures and functions, tips on the best ways to cultivate and propagate grasses and bamboos, and 14 landscape plans featuring these popular plants. Each plan focuses on a different theme, including a prairie planting, a tropical jungle, a pond garden, and blue- and green-toned gardens. Also included are other venues for planting grasses and bamboos, with unique ideas like rooftop plantings and a bamboo hedge. An alphabetical listing of grass species gives basic horticultural information, including the USDA Zone in which the plants will grow. A list of suppliers where gardeners can find the best grasses and bamboos rounds out this indispensable volume.

Contributor Bio
Ian Cooke is the grounds manager at Nottingham University, the first university to win a Green Flag Award for a campus landscape. He is the author of The Gardener’s Guide to Growing Cannas and The Plantfinder’s Guide to Tender Perennials.

Designing and Creating a Mediterranean Garden
Freda Cox

Summary
How often have you wished you could create a little corner of the Mediterranean in your own garden? Or wished that you could cut back on the time-consuming chore of watering? Or thought about growing Mediterranean plants but feared they couldn’t survive in a cooler, less hospitable climate? By following the advice in this photo-filled guide, you can achieve all this and more. Designing and Creating a Mediterranean Garden takes you from the planning stages, through dealing with lawns, patios, and terraces, to landscaping and adding those touches of style from Italy, France, Greece, or Spain. This is an outstanding guide, featuring an A-Z of plants, a wealth of expert advice, and 400 color photos and drawings.
**Rhododendrons & Azaleas**  
A Colour Guide  
Kenneth Cox

**Summary**  
*Rhododendrons & Azaleas* profiles over 4,000 varieties of this highly popular and striking plant. Illustrated with 1,100 color photographs, each entry includes a description of the plant and flower color; notes on hardiness, height and spread, and flowering time; advice on cultivation and proven performers; and the name of the parent plants, the raiser, and similar varieties. Practical advice is also given on rhododendrons in the landscape, maintenance and husbandry, pests, diseases, problems and disorders, propagation, and buying and collecting rhododendrons, along with a brief history and a guide to their classification.

**Organic Futures**  
The Case for Organic Farming  
Adrian Myers

**Summary**  
Presenting an overwhelming argument for replacing modern farming methods with organic techniques, this book explores the history, politics, and practicalities of organic farming. Adrian Myers shows how the current techniques of agriculture and horticulture based on chemical fertilizers, which inevitably bring about the deterioration of soil life, cannot provide a long-term sustainable future for humankind. *Organic Futures* shows what we can learn from 4,000 years of sustainable organic agriculture in the Far East and explains how organic farming is different from conventional agriculture. It demonstrates the damaging effects of conventional farming and discusses the importance of maintaining soil fertility. Presenting a vision of an organic future, the book also documents inspiring developments in both the West and the Third World.

**Contributor Bio**  
Adrian Myers practiced organic farming for 20 years, running a mixed organic smallholding in the Shropshire borders. Today he runs an extensive organic garden and orchard at his farm near Shrewsbury.
Gardens of the National Trust
Stephen Lacey, Sir Roy Strong

Summary
Britain’s National Trust has the finest collection of gardens ever assembled under one ownership—the greatest in number, diversity, historic importance, and quality. Together, they form the world’s most important collection of cultivated plants, distinguished by their beauty, rarity, historical interest, and scientific value. This new edition of Gardens of the National Trust has been substantially revised to showcase superb new photography and to introduce newly acquired properties. Historically and horticulturally, a vivid picture of the gardens is painted, with all the major periods represented. Both a practical guide and a rich source of inspiration, the book includes horticultural details, a complete plant list, and a section on the many other Trust gardens to visit. Throughout, splendid color images by the country’s leading photographers bring to life the beauty of each garden.

Contributor Bio
Stephen Lacey is a garden writer, a lecturer, a broadcaster, and a long-standing columnist and feature writer for the Daily Telegraph. He contributes to many other publications including House and Garden, the RHS Journal, and Horticulture Magazine. His books include Real Gardening, Scent in Your Garden, and The Startling Jungle.

Making Garden Furniture from Wood
Anthony Hontoir

Summary
Using simplified woodworking techniques, this book covers 14 pieces ranging from tables and chairs to birdhouses and fencing, all of which are useful and delightful additions to any garden. Projects range in difficulty for novice and experienced woodworkers to enjoy, and the book offers advice on tools and materials, an explanation of jointing techniques, and clear step-by-step instructions for each project, with cutting lists.
Great Flowering Landscape Shrubs
Vincent A. Simeone, Bruce Curtis, Michael A. Dirr, ...

Summary
With stunning color photos throughout, this gardening guide describes more than 50 types of the best flowering shrubs and details their use in home landscaping. Shrubs are arranged by genus, separated into deciduous flowering and notable evergreen shrubs, and listed with the common name; size and shape; foliage color, shape, and texture; flower and fruit (if any); soil, nutrient, and light needs; pruning needs for maximum growth and/or flower; and USDA Hardiness Zones. Details of specific species, cultivars, and varieties that lead to exceptional size, color, flower, hardiness, and durability are also included. Helpful hints on soil types, watering, pest control, and pruning explore how best to plant and care for any shrub. The appendix includes lists of nurseries, web sites for further information, and an extensive index and bibliography.

Contributor Bio
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Delia's Kitchen Garden
A Beginner's Guide to Growing and Cooking Fruit and Vegetables
Delia Smith, Gay Search

Summary
For leading cookbook author Delia Smith, the key to producing delicious, healthy food is to use first-class ingredients. Where fruits and vegetables are concerned, the best way to do that is to grow your own. In month-by-month chapters, this companion follows a year in the kitchen garden, providing detailed information on sowing and planting, fruit and vegetable varieties, and care and harvesting. At the end of each chapter, Delia includes marvelous recipes for using your produce at its peak. For those who have space constraints, there are notes on creating a square-foot garden, a patio garden, and container gardens. An outstanding guide from two experts, this book is richly illustrated with color photos of the gardens, the produce, and step-by-step techniques.
Continuous Color
A Month-by-Month Guide to Flowering Shrubs and Small Trees for the Continuous Bloom Garden
Pam Duthie

Summary
Selecting small trees and shrubs for a beautiful garden year-round is simple with this easy-to-use guide. Trees and shrubs are arranged by season and characteristic with specific gardening information included for each of the 272 entries.

Contributor Bio
Pam Duthie is a landscape designer who owns her own design company, the Gifted Gardener, and is the author of Continuous Bloom. She lives in Northbrook, Illinois.

Biocontrol in Protected Culture
Kevin M. Heinz, Michael P. Parrella, Roy M. Van Dr...

Summary
An authoritative reference on the subject of using nonchemical controls on greenhouse-grown crops, this book explains the latest in crop-management techniques from around the globe. The contributing authors come from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Italy, and Asia. Biological control factors and the various types of controls-predators, parasites, nematodes, and pathogens—are described. Information is also provided on greenhouse structures, sampling, quality control, specific pests on both ornamental and vegetable crops-whiteflies, spider mites, leafminers, thrips, aphids, other minor pests—and soilborne pests. Specific crops are also discussed, including chrysanthemums, poinsettias, cut flowers, foliage plants, woody ornamentals, bedding plants, cucumbers, sweet peppers, tomatoes, and mushrooms.

Contributor Bio
Kevin M. Heinz is a professor of entomology at Texas A&M University. He lives in College Station, Texas. Michael P. Parrella is an entomologist and the divisional associate dean of agricultural and environmental sciences at the University of California, Davis. He lives in Davis, California. Roy M. Van Driesche is a professor of entomology at the University of Massachusetts and the coauthor of Biological Control. He lives in Amherst, Massachusetts.
Historic Gardens Today
Michael Rohde, Rainer Schomann

Summary
Spotlighting the men and women who devote their lives to nurturing historic parks and gardens, this volume illustrates these places as environmentally fragile landscapes in need of protection and the support of government and society. In this book, 47 internationally renowned authors explain the difficulties and rewards of caring for these horticultural treasures.

Growing and Selling Fresh-Cut Herbs (2nd Edition)
Sandie Shores

Summary
This definitive guide for those looking to start or expand their own herb business focuses entirely on fresh-cut herbs for the grower who supplies restaurants or supermarkets, vends at farmers markets, or sells from her own retail space. Discussed are the value of a business plan and how to find the right niche for the business. Whether selling to supermarkets, wholesalers, brokers, or caterers, growers will benefit from these business tips. Valuable advice is provided on financing; honoring local zoning laws; creating invoices and packing slips; managing employees; pricing and marketing; maintaining accounts; and increasing business. All aspects of building a greenhouse are addressed, from selecting a prime location and building a structure to the equipment needed to grow, including lights, thermostats, benches, and irrigation systems. Other topics include growing and nurturing plants from germination through harvest; assessing the needs of different herb crops and edible flowers; and harvesting and packaging the finished product. For more information, visit www.freshcutherbs.com

Contributor Bio
Sandie Shores is the author of Growing and Selling Fresh-Cut Herbs. She has been a professional grower of fresh and potted herbs and vegetables for nearly 30 years. She is considered an industry expert in the commercial production and marketing of fresh-cut herbs and potted herbs in volume. Due to her extensive experience with growing herbs and marketing through wholesale, retail, and farmers’ markets channels she has been a trusted speaker at Universities and grower conferences around the country. Additionally, she teaches home gardeners the pleasures of growing and cooking with fresh herbs. She has recently downsized her business to allow more time for consulting and writing.
Colorado Home & Garden Lover's Guide
Front Range Living, Niki Hayden

Summary
Style comes in many forms in Colorado's homes, from stately Victorians and Tudors, to cozy mountain cabins and arts and crafts bungalows. And the gardens that accompany them are often designed with an eye toward both beauty and water-wise gardening practices. In Colorado Home & Garden Lover's Guide and other books from the Front Range Living series on Colorado lifestyle, readers can explore and keep pace with all there is to see and do in the popular Rocky Mountain state!

Contributor Bio
Front Range Living Publisher Niki Hayden and her staff of writers celebrate the diversity and quality of life in Colorado, and bring you a rich assortment of choices for making the most of life in the mountain state. In addition, each story is accompanied by full-color photographs and resources information.

Zen of Gardening in the High & Arid West
Tips, Tools, and Techniques
David Wann

Summary
Drawing from his own considerable gardening experience and expertise, as well as leaning on the wisdom of the people he calls "The Zen Masters of the Western Garden," David Wann gathers a mix of stories, how-to advice, and simple, doable projects that are ideal for gardeners in the high and arid landscapes of the West. This covers topics such as strategic gardening (how to coax fruits and vegetables from a sun-parched garden), pest-proof planting, choosing the right varieties of edibles for the region, how to become a seed-starting maniac, a Farmer's Almanac approach to gardening (plant peas when the first cottonwood leaves appear!), as well as profiles of colorful local gardens and gardeners.

Contributor Bio
David Wann is a master gardener and holds a Master's degree in environmental science. He is the author of Deep Design and a co-author of the acclaimed Affluenza. He has written for Colorado Country Life magazine as well as several newspapers. He lives in a co-housing community in Golden, Colorado, where he continues to help establish a community garden and orchard.
Hydroponics
Soilless Gardening Explained
Les Bridgewood

Summary
Plants need nutrients, air, water, and light with a little warmth to survive. Traditionally these have been provided by soil, but hydroponic techniques allow plants not only to survive but also to thrive by gaining the perfect balance of nutrients from a regulated solution. This book looks at the flood and drain method, drip feed, Nutrient Film Technique, aeroponics, and aquaponics. It offers a detailed examination of nutrient content and the strength of solution, advice on how to grow a variety of plants and how to control pests, a simple-to-follow guide to how to arrange and automate a greenhouse, and step-by-step instruction on how to build your own hydroponic systems. Without the need for stooping or weeding, hydroponics is ideal for anyone with back problems or mobility impairment, and superb for children, who can follow and monitor the plants’ growth.

Gardens of Use & Delight
Uniting the Practical and Beautiful in an Integrated Landscape
Jiggs Gardener, Joann Gardener

Summary
Tools and inspiration for blending garden form with function and creating an integrated garden.

Contributor Bio
Jo Ann Gardner has published several highly regarded gardening books, including The Heirloom Garden, Living with Herbs, and Herbs in Bloom, and lectures widely. She and her husband, Jigs Gardener, a published essayist and fiction writer, have dedicated many years to living in the garden, from growing flowers to cultivating food. This is their first book together. Jiggs Gardener, a published essayist and fiction writer, has dedicated many years to living in the garden, from growing flowers to cultivating food. This is his first book together with his wife. They now live and garden in Essex, New York.
A Guide to Dry Stone Walling
Andy Radford

Summary
Dry stone walling is one of the oldest country crafts. These structures form one of the most striking features of the rural landscape, whether meandering through a field or gracing a home. In this hands-on guide, landscaper Andy Radford explores the history of dry stone walls and explains how and why they were originally built. He also offers step-by-step instruction, enhanced with explanatory photos and diagrams, showing you how to build or repair a wall, whether a hillside boundary or a garden feature. The book’s contents include finding suitable stone; tools of the trade; basic walling techniques; building or repairing a curved wall; walling on slopes; and gapping, retaining walls, and variations. Andy Radford has been building dry stone walls for nearly two decades; he is a consultant, designer, and contractor and runs his own landscaping business in Wales.

Continuous Bloom
A Month-by-Month Guide to Nonstop Color in the Perennial Garden
Pam Duthie

Summary
A guide to keeping a perennial garden in bloom from April through October, this book provides all the information a gardener needs to grow beautiful flowers. Detailed information includes descriptions of flowers, bloom length, light and soil requirements, care, propagation, and potential problems.

Contributor Bio
Pam Duthie is the author of Continuous Color: A Month-by-Month Guide to Shrubs and Small Trees for the Continuous Bloom Garden.
GrowerTalks on Plugs 3
Jayne VanderVeide

Summary
This collection of more than 40 articles from GrowerTalks magazine offers the latest innovations in media, nutrition, and equipment in this rapidly expanding industry. Topics include genetic testing, plant growth regulators, germination chambers, media testing, transplanters, and fast cropping.

Passionate Gardening
Good Advice for Challenging Climates
Lauren Springer Ogden, Rob Proctor

Summary
The ultimate reference and inspirational guide for gardeners in challenging climates. Takes the reader through the seasons in a most comprehensive, yet pleasurable way, as the authors celebrate a diversity of plants for every site and every season. Passionate Gardening tackles every subject, from early snows to slugs, from bulbs to botanical Latin.

Contributor Bio
Lauren Springer Ogden and Rob Proctor are authors, photographers, lecturers, garden designers, and above all, passionate gardeners. Their writings have appeared in many national publications. For eight years, they collaborated on an award-winning gardening column for the Denver Post. Rob is the author of ten books, including Naturalizing Bulbs and Herbs in the Garden: The Art of Intermingling. He and his garden frequently appear on the Discovery Channel. An accomplished artist, he taught for eight years at Denver Botanic Gardens' School of Botanical Illustration, and his works hang in the Smithsonian. He is director of horticulture at Denver Botanic Gardens. He tends his own one-acre garden without benefit of staff. Lauren gardened professionally on both sides of the Atlantic before receiving her master's degree in horticulture. She designs gardens for the public; her private gardens have been featured on television and in numerous publications. The American Horticultural Society named her book The Undaunted Garden one of the 75 best American gardening books of the recent century. In...
Greenhouse Gardener's Companion, Revised
Growing Food & Flowers in Your Greenhouse or Sunspace
Shane Smith, Majorie Leggitt

Summary
The most comprehensive book on greenhouse gardening available today. Today, greenhouses and sunrooms are real living spaces where gardeners spend as much time with a book and a cup of coffee as they do with a watering can and a pair of pruning shears. In this fully revised edition of a best-selling classic, veteran gardener Shane Smith embraces this new "lifestyle" approach to greenhouse gardening. Through lively writing that balances wit with commonsense advice, Smith draws on his more than 20 years' experience to cover everything you need to know to establish a charming and productive greenhouse.

Contributor Bio
Since its inception in 1977, Shane Smith has served as the director (and co-founder) of the Cheyenne Botanic Garden, Wyoming's only public botanic garden. It is a people-oriented, solar heated and powered project. Under his direction, the project has received recognition awards from Presidents Reagan, Bush (senior) and Clinton. The project also received the community hero award from Wyoming Governor Geringer. Smith has a degree in Horticultural Science and has attained Registration as a "Horticultural Therapist HT," from the American Horticultural Therapy Association. He also served a year as a Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at Harvard University, where he both lectured and pursued studies in design, community issues, and leadership. Greenhouse Gardener's Companion is Smith's third published book. He currently produces a weekly garden-oriented radio program. Additionally, he has consulted and lectured on gardening, horticultural therapy, greenhouses, and community greening for over 28 years in 27 different states as well as Mexico, Venezuela and Canada.

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Contributor Bio
Pam Duthie is a landscape designer who owns her own design company, the Gifted Gardener, and is the author of Continuous Color. She lives in Northbrook, Illinois.
**Sunbelt Gardening**  
*Success in Hot-Weather Climates*  
Tom Peace

**Summary**  
For gardeners who live in sunbelt regions of America—whether southeastern, southcentral, or southwestern—this book describes the differences that set hot-weather garden performers apart from other garden varieties.

**Contributor Bio**  
Garden designer Tom Peace draws on his years of experience gardening in hot climates. A graduate of Colorado State University, where he studied forest biology and botany, he has researched plant ecology throughout the world, including Asia and Europe, and has extensive experience in floriculture.

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**Green Profit on Retailing**  
Rick Blanchette, Jayne VanderVelde

**Summary**  
This collection of more than 100 articles from the pages of *Green Profit* and *GrowerTalks* magazines includes topics such as display and merchandising ideas, marketing and promotional campaigns, marketing on the Web, management and customer service, plant varieties and care, and seasonal promotions.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Rick Blanchette** is the editor of *GrowerTalks on Structures and Equipment*. **Jayne VanderVelde** is the editor of *GrowerTalks on Plugs 3*. 
**Xeriscape Handbook**  
*A How-to Guide to Natural Resource-Wise Gardening*  
Gayle Weinstein

**Summary**  
Provides hands-on advice in creating your own Xeriscape garden, no matter where you live. As water bills skyrocket and concern for conserving potable water increases, homeowners, gardeners, and landscapers seek alternatives. Xeriscape plant materials are water-conserving, beautiful, and thrive in specific environments. *Xeriscape Handbook* takes an easy-to-follow, step-by-step approach to creating a water-wise garden. Environmental gardening factors are combined with the seven principles of Xeriscape and good gardening techniques.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Gayle Weinstein** is an avid gardener, writer and photographer. She has worked with Denver Botanic Gardens in their Xeriscape Experimental Garden, as well as other areas of the public garden. She is a graduate of the Denver University Publishing Institute. She makes her home in Denver, Colorado.

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**Green Gifts**  
*How to Turn Flowers and Plants into Original and Lasting Gifts*  
Gill Dickinson

**Summary**  
Ideas and instructions for creating more than 50 unique gifts for occasions throughout the year.

**Contributor Bio**  
Gill Dickinson has a degree in textiles from the Central School of Art and Design in London. After a career in teaching and designing textiles, Gill became head of wardrobe at London's Royal Ballet School. She now works as a writer and creative stylist and is author of several books and magazine articles.
Grow Native
Landscaping with Native and Apt Plants of the Rocky Mountains
Sam Huddleston, Michael Hussey

Summary
Here is a frank discussion of the hardiest of trees, shrubs, and groundcovers suitable for landscaping in the rough, and at times unforgiving, Rocky Mountain climate.

Contributor Bio
Sam Huddleston is a noted professional planner and landscape architect. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and a Member of the American Institute of Planners. He headquarters in Denver but practices throughout the West, even as far afield as Alaska. Michael Hussey grew up in Iowa, but many of his childhood summers were spent in Colorado with his geologist father. He developed a love for the area and, after a stint with Army in Augsberg, Germany, headed to Colorado and began his career as a landscape architect with the Huddleston firm.

Grow Wild!
Low-Maintenance, Sure-Success, Distinctive Gardening with Native Plants
Lorraine Johnson

Summary
Celebrates the aesthetic triumphs of the trend toward native plant gardening, offering readers the tools necessary to create places of natural beauty in their own gardens.

Contributor Bio
Lorraine Johnson is president of the Canadian wildflower Society and the author of several books on gardening and environmental issues. Andrew Leyerle is a photographer and illustrator.
**Edible Flowers: Desserts & Drinks**  
*Desserts & Drinks*  
Cathy Wilkinson Barash

**Summary**  
Grow your own edible flowers to use in seventy-two tantalizing recipes for great desserts and drinks.

**Contributor Bio**  
Cathy Wilkinson Barash is best known as a garden writer, photographer, and lecturer and has been described as a gourmet horticulturist. Barash has been gardening, eating flowers, and cooking since she was a child. Her articles and photographs have appeared in the New York Times, Organic Gardening, New York magazine, Woman's Day, Home, Countryside, and others.

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**Culinary Gardens**  
*From Design to Palate*  
Susan McClure

**Summary**  
Inspiration and information for ornamental/edible gardeners.

**Contributor Bio**  
Susan McClure, now deceased, was a trained horticulturist with eight garden books to her credit.
**Balcony, Terrace, & Patio Gardening**  
Margaret Davis

**Summary**  
Written especially for people who live in apartments, condominiums or townhouses and units with balconies, this book guides gardeners through the important considerations of growing plants in these spaces.

**Contributor Bio**  
Margaret Davis is a well-known garden writer, broadcaster, lecturer, and founder of the Garden Club of Australia. For thirty years, Margaret tended her large and much beloved garden with her husband, Arthur. When she moved to Hawaii, Margaret discovered the "fascination and excitement" of creating her own balcony garden.

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**Sex in Your Garden**  
Angela Overy

**Summary**  
This book takes a clear and concise peek at the reproductive processes of garden plants and their relationship to their various pollinators. Written with a flair for the humorous and a touch of the absurd, Sex in Your Garden is the perfect addition to any gardener’s or botanist’s bookshelf.

**Contributor Bio**  
Angela Overy started drawing flowers while growing up in England. Angela has worked in advertising design in London, New York, and San Francisco before settling in Colorado with her husband. She has written for the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens and Fine Gardening magazine, where her own garden appeared on the cover.
Greenhouse Gardening
Step by Step to Growing Success
Jonathan Edwards

Summary
Crowood Gardening Guides have become the indispensable handbooks for the keen gardener who wants his information clear, practical, and full of color. The greenhouse opens up a new dimension to gardening; making tropical conditions, a temperate room, or even an alpine house a possibility. This practical guide adopts a simple and logical approach to what to do and when for the best results. Routine tasks as well as new ideas are included in any easy-to-follow monthly calendar of progress in the greenhouse.

Xeriscape Plant Guide
100 Water-Wise Plants for Gardens and Landscapes
Rob Proctor, Denver Water

Summary
This guide takes the mystery out of Xeriscape gardening, referencing more than 100 water-wise trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vines, ground cover, grasses, and shade plants chosen to add color and diversity to any landscape. Each portrait is illustrated with color botanical illustrations and photographs, detailing the characteristics, landscaping use, and growing conditions of the plant. With the increasing national concern over water consumption, gardeners and landscapers will find Xeriscaping a practical approach to creating a landscape in tune with the environment.

Contributor Bio
Rob Proctor is an author, photographer, lecturer, garden designer, and, above all, a passionate gardener. For eight years, he collaborated with Lauren Springer on an award-winning gardening column for The Denver Post. Together they designed the Perennial Walk at Denver Botanic Gardens. Rob is the author of ten books, including Naturalizing Bulbs and Herbs in the Garden: The Art of Intermingling. He is also a published garden photographer, and has taught garden illustration and is Director of Horticulture at Denver Botanic Gardens. Rob wrote the introduction to Xeriscape Plant Guide.
Native American Gardening
Stories, Projects, and Recipes for Families
Michael J. Caduto, Joseph Bruchac

Summary
Readers will learn about the relationships between people and the gardens of Earth, seed preservation, Native diets and meals, natural pest control, and the importance of the Circle of Life.

Contributor Bio
Michael J. Caduto is an award-winning author, master storyteller, poet, musician, educator, and ecologist. He has received numerous awards, including the New York State Outdoor Education Association's Art and Literary Award, New England's Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Education, the American Booksellers' "Pick of the List" Award, and the Association of Children's Booksellers' Choice Award, among others. Joseph Bruchac, coauthor of The Keepers of the Earth series, is a nationally acclaimed Native American storyteller and writer who has authored more than 70 books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for adults and children. He lives in upstate New York.

Garden Madness
The Unpruned Truth about a Blooming Passion
Susan M. Watkins

Summary
This zany look at gardening makes the perfect gift for serious gardeners who don't take themselves too seriously.

Contributor Bio
Susan M. Watkins is an author and a mad gardener who lives in upstate New York.
Green Thumbs
A Kid's Activity Guide to Indoor and Outdoor Gardening
Laurie Carlson

Summary
Budding gardeners will learn what it takes to make things grow with fun activities that require only readily available materials.

Contributor Bio
Laurie Carlson is the author of Colonial Kids, Westward Ho!, More Than Moccasins, and Kids Camp! She has taught preschool, primary grades, and children’s art classes.

Gardening for the Small Property
Jack Kramer

Summary
Veteran garden writer Jack Kramer teaches the basics on planning, surfacing, watering, tree, shrub and plant choice, maintenance, and disease and pest control.

Contributor Bio
Jack Kramer is one of America's foremost gardening experts and the author of more than 100 gardening books, including The World Wildlife Fund Book of Orchids and Women of Flowers, which won the Garden Writers Association of America's Best Book Award of Excellence. He is also a former syndicated columnist for the Los Angeles Times.
Midwest Gardens
Pamela Wolfe, Gary Irving

Summary
Gardener and teacher Pamela Wolfe and award-winning photographer Gary Irving collaborate to create an informative guide on how to create fantastic gardens in the Midwest.

Contributor Bio
Pam Wolfe is the author of 200 Tips for Growing Flowers in the Midwest and 200 Tips for Growing Vegetables in the Midwest. She teaches horticulture at Chicago’s Morton Arboretum and writes for Chicagoland Gardening and other magazines. She lives in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Easy Gardening
No Stress, No Strain
Jack Kramer

Summary
This book shows how to spend less time on the strenuous aspects of gardening and more on the creative.

Contributor Bio
Jack Kramer is one of America’s foremost gardening experts and the author of more than 100 gardening books, including The World Wildlife Fund Book of Orchids and Women of Flowers, which won the Garden Writers Association of America’s Best Book Award of Excellence. He is also a former syndicated columnist for the Los Angeles Times.
Cacti and Succulents
Step-By-Step to Growing Success
Bill Keen

Summary
Cacti and succulents are ideal houseplants, needing little care and providing unusual and colourful displays. This book looks at the increasingly wide variety of plants now available, and assists the beginner to choose and cultivate many of the popular types. Full details are given on feeding, watering, potting, and on displaying the collection to its best advantage. An A-Z listing of over 75 varieties shows the wide diversity of shapes, sizes, and effects that can be grown.