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Recommended by Peggy.....

All New Square Foot Gardening

Second Edition

The Revolutionary Way to Grow More In Less Space

By Mel Bartholomew

Rapidly increasing in popularity, square foot gardening is the most practical, foolproof way to grow a home garden. That explains why author and gardening innovator Mel Bartholomew has sold more than two million books describing how to become a successful DIY square foot gardener. Now, with the publication of *All New Square Foot Gardening, Second Edition*, the essential guide to his unique step-by-step method has become even better. Mel developed his techniques back in the early 1980s and has been teaching them throughout the world ever since. In the process, he has made improvements and refinements and continually adapted his practices to keep pace with modern times. In this new volume, Bartholomew furthers his discussion on one of the most popular gardening trends today: vertical gardening. He also explains how you can make gardening fun for kids by teaching them the square foot method. Finally, an expanded section on pest control helps you protect your precious produce. Rich with new full-color images and updated tips for selecting materials, this beautiful new edition is perfect for brand-new gardeners as well as the millions of square foot gardeners who are already dedicated to Mel's industry-changing insights.

Recommended by Kelli.....

The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds

322 Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, Flowers, Trees, and Shrubs

By Robert E. Gough

Learn how to collect, save, and cultivate the seeds from more than 300 vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, trees, and shrubs. It's easy, and it's fun! Authors Robert Gough and Cheryl Moore-Gough thoroughly explain every step in the seed-saving process. Descriptions of seed biology; tips on how to select plants for the best seeds; and advice on harvesting and cleaning, proper storage and care, and propagating and caring for new seedlings are all presented with clear, easy-to-follow instructions. Chapters dedicated to individual plants contain species-specific directions and detailed information. Gardeners of any experience level will find all the information they need to extend the life of their favorite plants to the next generation and beyond.

Recommended by Andrew.....

Good Bug Bad Bug

Who's Who, What They Do, and How to Manage Them Organically

By Jessica Walliser

Good Bug Bad Bug, updated 2nd edition, is an indispensable field guide for quickly and easily identifying the most common invasive and beneficial insects in the garden; plus the best organic advice on how to attract the good guys and manage the bad guys - without reaching for the toxic chemicals. Includes strategies for dealing with the "new bugs in town," those worrisome strangers that are starting to show up due to climate change (and some that have just flown in from abroad). Forty-one bugs, presented in full color on laminated card stock, with concealed wire binding. Sturdy enough to take into the garden for easy reference. An attractive gift book for adults and curious kids alike. The 2nd edition contains a number of color photographs not seen in the 1st edition and presents three new "bad bugs" to add to the rogues gallery of insect pests.

Additional "bad bugs" to be found in the 2nd edition:

The Grasshopper- which causes significant damage to the gardens of North America and can fly for miles.

The Lygus Bug - another significant North American pest, doing great damage to fruits, berries, vegetables and flowers; especially prolific in the South.

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug - a recent arrival from Asia that feeds on fruits, vegetables, berries and flowers, and has a nasty habit of invading our homes.

Recommended by Vicky.....

Month-By-Month Gardening in the Deserts of Arizona

What to Do Each Month to Have a Beautiful Garden All Year

By Mary Irish

The Month-By-Month series is the perfect companion to take the guesswork out of gardening. With this book, you'll know what to do each month to have gardening success all year. Written by authors in your state, the information is tailored to the issues that affect your garden the most. When is the best time to plant trees and shrubs? Should I fertilize my lawn now? Is it time to prune my roses? What should I be doing in my garden this month? You'll find the answers to these questions and much more inside. This easy-to-use book highlights each of the ten major plant categories using a monthly format. It guides you through each month of the year, telling you exactly what your garden needs. It is like having an expert in the garden with you all year long. Valuable hints are located throughout the book, and beautiful photographs will inspire you. Written just for gardeners where you live, you can be confident that the information is right for you-and your garden will show it.

Recommended by Megan.....

Project Garden

A Month-by-Month Guide to Planting, Growing, and Enjoying ALL Your Backyard Has to Offer

By Stacy Tornio

The family that gardens together, grows together! In this beautiful, project-by-project guide, mom and master gardener Stacy Tornio will inspire gardeners young and old to explore, innovate, and cultivate through simple projects that will get a garden growing at any time of year. Your whole family be inspired to:

- Tend beautiful, practical gardens that work in any space
- Plant flowers as colorful as they are hardy
- Whip up delicious meals from vegetables you planted yourself
- Decorate your garden with nature-inspired crafts
- Give the gift of growing, with divided plants, cuttings, and seeds you save yourself

Best of all, whether you are tending flowerbeds in spring, stewing July's tomatoes, or coaxing bulbs to bloom mid-winter, you'll be doing it *together*.