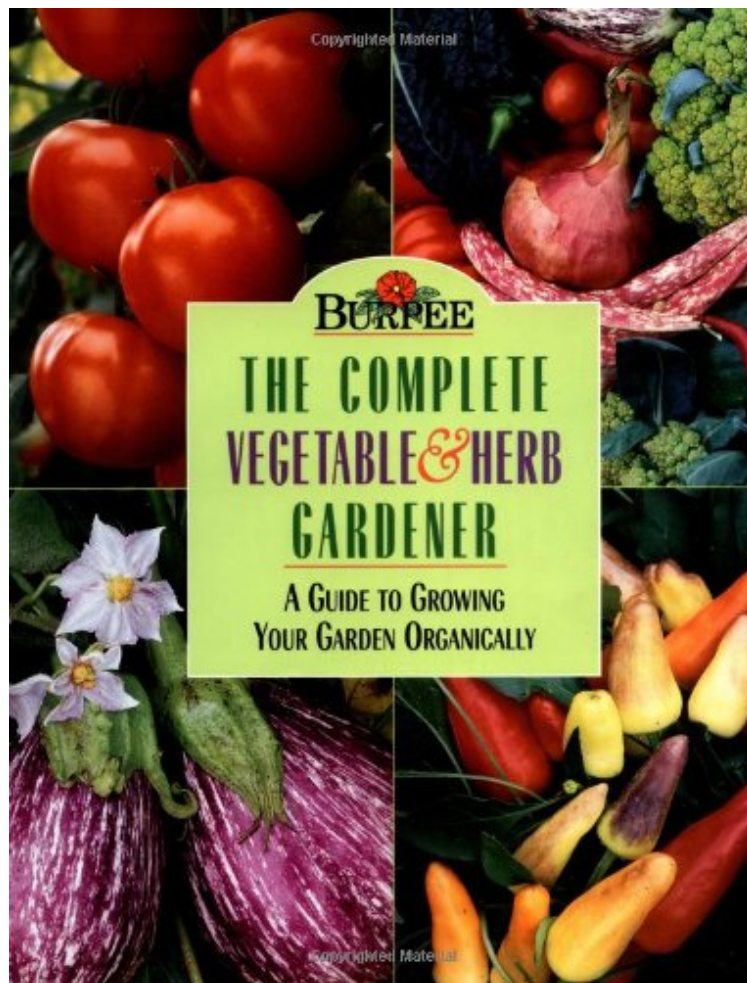


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By beeflea04I've had this book for years, but only recently actually have the time and space to plant a proper garden. I'm a total beginner, so I started with this book and haven't read any others yet to compare it to. I find this book to be very well written, especially in a way that a beginner

can understand, and it offers so much great advice! The author even explains garden tools and what to look for, and then how to properly care for them. After reading it, and learning so much, I feel fairly confident that my first official go at home gardening should be somewhat successful. I also really like the fact that even though it is a Burpee book, they aren't trying to sell the reader on just Burpee seeds, but recommends that you order seed catalogs and shop around, paying close attention to the package details. I'm sure I will refer back to this book many, many times!

84 of 85 people found the following review helpful. Vegetable Gardening Made Really Easy By Hudson Rich Very similar in content and structure to Ortho's Complete Guide to Vegetables. The difference comes in the experience the writer has growing and maintaining the various plants. I find using both books gives different perspectives for growing and caretaking of plants but contains the same basic information. For instance the Ortho book has better Garden Setup and maintenance data, and raw data on the various gardening aspects like fertilizer and pest eradication. The Burpee book focuses on plant and cultivar details a little better. The book is filled with plenty high quality pictures of plants and their fruits using multiple pictures of various cultivars within plant families. The book is geared for both beginners in gardening and the handy do it yourself types. Chapters progress you through the steps from site selection and plant selection to harvesting, crop rotating and soil conditioning over winter and indoor greenhouse seed starting. The book also contains references to various cultivars within vegetable species, so a beginner gardener could not only successfully select and grow well known vegetables, but could also grow and use the odd often hard to find fresh herbs. I consistently flip between both this book and Ortho's book. I find using them in this manner makes the information extracted complimentary and thorough.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent, high-quality reference By Kelsie J Green I decided to get into gardening as a hobby a few years ago so I got on and bought a number of books for different aspects of gardening and this book is the one I return to over and over for just about everything. The color photos are lovely and helpful, the advice is extremely handy, and the section which details each vegetable/fruit/herb is fantastic; I like how each plant gets a little history followed by tons of advice, organized logically, including quick reference pictures beneath each name (a little pot for plants which grow well in containers, a little snowflake for cold-hardy plants, etc). I also like how if you flipped to a certain section instead of using the index, each plant description ends with the section you need if you picked the wrong one (for example, if you wanted to know about Chinese cabbage, so you looked under "cabbage" ... well, at the end of the cabbage section there's a note: "Cabbage, Chinese. See Chinese Cabbage." It actually gets its own section, and now you know that and what it's called). Also, as an organic gardener, getting all this advice with an organic approach in mind is great.

A Backyard-Gardeners Guide to Growing a Bountiful, Great-Tasting Harvest The Complete Vegetable Herb Gardener features: A full-color encyclopedia of over 100 vegetables and herbs with detailed, expert advice on growing them successfully from planting to harvest Planting and growing techniques that keep maintenance to a minimum Entries on how to grow unusual edibles, such as refreshing mesclun for salads, colorful edible flowers, spicy mustards, and more Descriptions and photos of a host of succulent vegetables, both hybrids and heirlooms, from common to exotic Complete information on improving even the poorest garden soil using safe, organic techniques, plus practical advice on making compost Recommendations on garden tools you need and those you don't Information on controlling pests and diseases organically, without resorting to poisonous sprays Spectacular full-color photographs of vegetables and herbs, food gardens, and edible landscapes, plus 30 black-and-white line drawings

.com Burpee has created a truly encyclopedic, but non-intimidating, guide to organic vegetable gardening that can be used and appreciated by anyone, whether or not they've ever stuck a seed in the ground. All the essential information is here--how to condition the soil, how and where to plant, sprouting schedules, what kind of yield to expect from each plant variety, and harvesting tips--in beautiful, bountiful, illustrated detail; the book's largest section, "Plant Portraits," contains explanations of the many cultivars of each vegetable and herb. If you're a novice vegetable gardener or new to organic gardening and can only afford one gardening guide, this may be your best value. From the Inside Flap This information-packed reference contains everything a gardener needs to know to produce bumper crops of succulent tomatoes, spicy peppers, melt-in-your-mouth lettuce, and fragrant, flavorful herbs. Whether you are a first-time gardener or a seasoned expert, you will find clear, knowledgeable answers to all your vegetable- and herb-growing questions. Over 280 full-color photographs and 30 line drawings make this essential reference as beautiful as it is useful. Easy-reference charts put a wealth of information at your fingertips, including the amount of water each crop requires for best growth, application rates of common organic fertilizers, and first-and-last frost dates for locations across the country. Part One, Vegetable Gardening from the Ground Up, contains the information gardeners need to plan, plant, and care for a healthy, bountiful, all-organic garden. Topics covered include how to select a suitable garden site, what tools make gardening easier and more rewarding and how to fill your tool shed with an arsenal of sturdy tools that will last a lifetime plus how to make compost and transform any soil into fertile "fat earth." Chapters on laying out and planting the garden include details on how to use space-saving, harvest-enhancing techniques such as intercropping, succession cropping, and trellising, and also cover how to determine planting dates and extend the season. Care through the season including mulching, watering, midseason, planting, and harvesting as well as pest and

disease control are also covered. Part Two, Plant Portraits, features descriptions of over 100 plants, including information on growing hundreds of herbs and vegetables from common to exotic. Entries on popular crops such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, beans, and lettuce are accompanied by information on unusual, yet easy-to-grow, edibles such as bok choy, corn salad, New Zealand spinach, salad burnet, and shallots. These portraits contain essential information on deciding which tomatoes or peppers to grow and how many to plant along with information on the best site and soil for every crop and complete growing instructions. Harvest and storage information is also included. Each entry explains how to select the best site and what care the crop requires through the season.

About the Author
Karan Davis Cutler is the author/editor of three garden books: *Vines* (Camden House), *Salad Gardens* (Brooklyn Botanic Garden), and *Tantalizing Tomatoes* (Brooklyn Botanic Garden) and the author of many garden articles. She worked as the managing editor of *Harrowsmith Country Life* for six years and was a newspaper garden columnist for the *Rutland Herald* and *Barre Times Argus* from 1987 through 1991. She has received eight Quill Trowell awards for outstanding writing from the Garden Writers Association of America. While tending gardens in northern Ohio and then in Vermont, she has grown nearly every vegetable in this book.