

Complete Home Gardening: Growing Secrets and Techniques for Gardeners

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Complete Home Gardening: Growing Secrets and Techniques for Gardeners will satisfy those readers who enjoy the process of gardening as much as the finished product. It contains equal parts of inspirational photographs and hands-on instructional pictures. Complete Home Gardening presents the latest gardening techniques for the 21st century gardener with an emphasis on time-saving, efficient practices. There is considerable space devoted to growing herbs, flowers, vegetables, and fruit. This book is perfect for the gardener who wants to know how things grow and why certain practices are more effective.

Finding the right book There are plenty of gardening books on the market, some that even look alike. So how do you tell them apart? First, check the publisher. "Complete Home Gardening: Growing Secrets and Techniques for Gardeners" by Miranda Smith (Creative Homeowner, \$24.95) has an American publisher, so you won't have to worry that it's an import that glosses over the differences between gardening in Britain and North America. Then check the contents. The best books, including this one, are organized in a logical progression: preparing the garden; bulbs, perennials and annuals; vines, vegetables and herbs; discovering specialty plants; finally, dealing with pests and diseases. Make sure there are lots of illustrations and photos. This book has almost 600 color photographs and 267 illustrations, all of good quality. Finally, look for the little extras. Does it have an in-depth section on water gardens? Are there well-illustrated, step-by-step instructions for the beginning gardener? This book has all of the above, as well as a good plant index. That's what distinguishes it from the rest of the pack. JARRETT SMITH Star-Tribune, Minneapolis June 26, 2007