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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A good idea but not so good a book.By TheTrollerI purchased this book used on after reading about it in a current issue of Mother Earth News. While I do believe that gardens are a better use of land than lawns in many situations, what I was interested in were ways to apply the concept of permaculture to our property. This book is more of an essay on H.C. Flores political views concerning the environment and against Big Business. She speaks repeatedly on making earth a paradise by bringing people together with gardens, food, and less commercialism. After about 4 chapters, I started looking ahead for more information on the gardening aspect of the topic. Far too much of this book is about her political agenda, and much less about the subject. After a lifetime in health care, meeting thousands of people at their best and worst, it is my opinion that society has too many variables in human beings to allow her ideal of paradise to flourish. Perhaps she could explain how utilizing gardens and giving the excess to neighbors to create a better sense of community is going to help remove the greed, fear, and lack of intellectual understanding that keeps people from being part of a bigger open community. I have always gardened and shared my food with friends, family and neighbors without asking for anything. But the

sense of community gets stronger every year when the neighbors see my tomatoes and green beans ripening.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Very DisappointingBy KellyI was so disappointed in this book. I was expecting a practical guide to converting my lawn to a garden. What I got was a dense political manifesto. While I absolutely agree with Ms. Flores' agenda, reading this book was like being beaten to death with a political 2x4. There IS some useful practical advice in the book, but it is so buried by the ranting that it is hard to find and painful to extract. I did not find the book very readable, at all; even given my own environmental leanings and general agreement with what she was preaching.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Essential Read for the New RevolutionBy Steve BivansAre you tired of mowing your lawn, pulling dandelions, spraying it with toxic chemicals, feeding it with artificial fertilizers that kill our rivers and oceans, and paying the water bill to keep it from turning brown every summer? If not, don't read this book. If so, then you really SHOULD read it, because Ms. Flores will tell you why you should get rid of all that worthless grass, and plant food instead.This is a revolutionary book about taking control of our food supply, and minimizing our negative footprint on the environment. Will you take all of her advice? Probably not. For instance, I probably won't reroute my human waste through a filter box and into my garden, but hey, if you wanna know how to do it, Flores will give you the information you need. In the meantime, she'll give you a lot of other practical advice on how to change your part of the world for the better, one garden at a time.