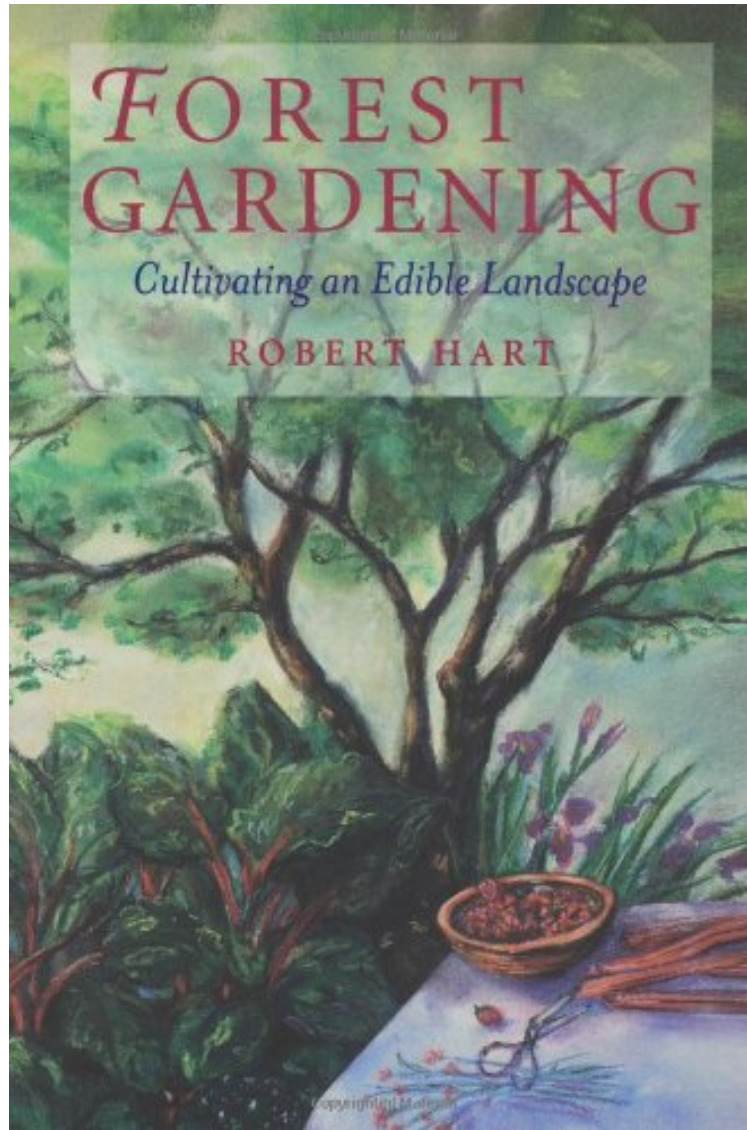


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Contains some good information By Customer I'd been wanting to read this book for some time. I was a bit disheartened to find it a "preachy" read, harping on our connection to nature (referred to as Gaia frequently), and on the evils of modern life. I was hoping for a more objective overview of forest

gardening practices and examples. So far this book has had the most specific information which was nice, but I will continue looking for more as it is by no means a comprehensive guide. While I agree with some of the things he says, I think the ideology being thrown out so hard might limit the readership of the book to people of the same mind. I also think it's a bit over beaten, considering that the audience is predominately going to be people who are already trying to get closer to nature... Just the feeling I got from the book. Overall, if you can push past the preaching, it's a worthwhile read. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. An interesting read but not much practical information. By MYOBAs others have said, if you'd actually like to grow a forest garden, get something more useful, such as *How to Make a Forest Garden*; or, if you can afford it and want really in-depth information, *Edible Forest Gardens: Ecological Vision, Theory For Temperate Climate Permaculture and/or Edible Forest Gardens, Vol. 2: Ecological Design And Practice For Temperate-Climate Permaculture*. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hoping for more direction. By Maryellen V. Little I was hoping for more direction on how to plant a forest garden. This is not really a guide but full of interesting and helpful facts.

An English classic revised and expanded for North America *Forest Gardening* is a way of working alongside nature--an approach that results in great productivity with minimal maintenance, and a method for transforming even a small cottage garden into a diverse and inviting habitat for songbirds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Based on the model of a natural woodland, a forest garden incorporates a wide variety of useful plants, including fruit and nut trees, perennial herbs, and vegetables. Hart's book beautifully describes his decades of experience gardening in the Shropshire countryside, yet the principles of "backyard permaculture" he explores can be applied equally well in other locales across the planet, from tropical to temperate zones. Practical features of the book include: Design guidelines for creating your own perennial food-producing garden Lists of recommended plants and varieties, keyed to different climates An explanation of how plants in different levels or "stories" --from ground covers to full-sized trees--coexist and interact in a healthy and productive landscape. Robert Hart blends history, philosophy, anthropology, and seasonal gardening wisdom in a lucid sequence of essays, which together comprise a remarkable testament to the pleasures of "hands-off" as well as hands-on gardening. *Forest Gardening* is truly a book for our times, offering a fresh sensibility that will encourage and inspire ecological gardeners throughout the world.

From *Library Journal* What exactly is a forest garden? British author and gardener Hart describes it as a miniature imitation of a natural forest, complete with a fruit and nut tree "canopy" and lower tiers of climbers, bushes, creepers, and assorted perennial vegetables and herbs. Such a garden may occupy half an acre or less and like the natural forest is largely self-regulating once established. In addition to self-sufficiency, it offers aesthetic rewards and provides a sanctuary for wildlife. In this book, originally published in Britain in 1991 and revised for a U.S. readership, the author describes his own forest garden in affectionate detail, as well as similar individual and community projects around the world. Both philosophical and practical, Hart discusses gardening, agroforestry, permaculture, the environment, and what constitutes a proper diet. At times he drifts away to romantic visions of a future postindustrial Green utopia, but for the most part his feet remain planted firmly in his beloved garden. Hart's personally annotated lists of trees and perennials include many varieties known and grown in North America. Suitable for both public and academic libraries. ?William H. Wiese, Iowa State Univ. Lib., Ames Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* A holistic approach encompassing health issues, spirituality, and environmental concerns governs Hart's philosophy of "forest gardening" --akin to multistory gardens maintained by certain indigenous societies. Hart and a partner have implemented just such a garden on a small farm in Shropshire, England, and Hart's ardent treatise champions a union of modern technological methods and machines with ecologically sound practices. Interplanting edible crops is utmost: herbs and fruiting shrubs, "fodder-bearing" trees, and a variety of perennial plants. Highlights include mention of other communities that have achieved great degrees of self-sufficiency, where a sacred view of man's connectedness to nature appears inextricably linked to low-maintenance symbiotic plantings, appreciation of handcrafted objects, a vegan diet, and independent lifestyle. Alice Joyce *Library Journal* -What exactly is a forest garden? British author and gardener Hart describes it as a miniature imitation of a natural forest, complete with a fruit and nut tree "canopy" and lower tiers of climbers, bushes, creepers, and assorted perennial vegetables and herbs. Such a garden may occupy half an acre or less and like the natural forest is largely self-regulating once established. In addition to self-sufficiency, it offers aesthetic rewards and provides a sanctuary for wildlife. In this book, originally published in Britain in 1991 and revised for a U.S. readership, the author describes his own forest garden in affectionate detail, as well as similar individual and community projects around the world. Both philosophical and practical, Hart discusses gardening, agroforestry, permaculture, the environment, and what constitutes a proper diet. At times he drifts away to romantic visions of a future postindustrial Green utopia, but for the most part his feet remain planted firmly in his beloved garden. Hart's personally annotated lists of trees and perennials include many varieties known and grown in North America. Suitable for both public and academic libraries. (William H. Wiese, Iowa State Univ. Lib., Ames) *Booklist* -A holistic approach encompassing health issues, spirituality, and environmental concerns governs Hart's philosophy of "forest gardening" --akin to multistory gardens maintained by certain indigenous

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