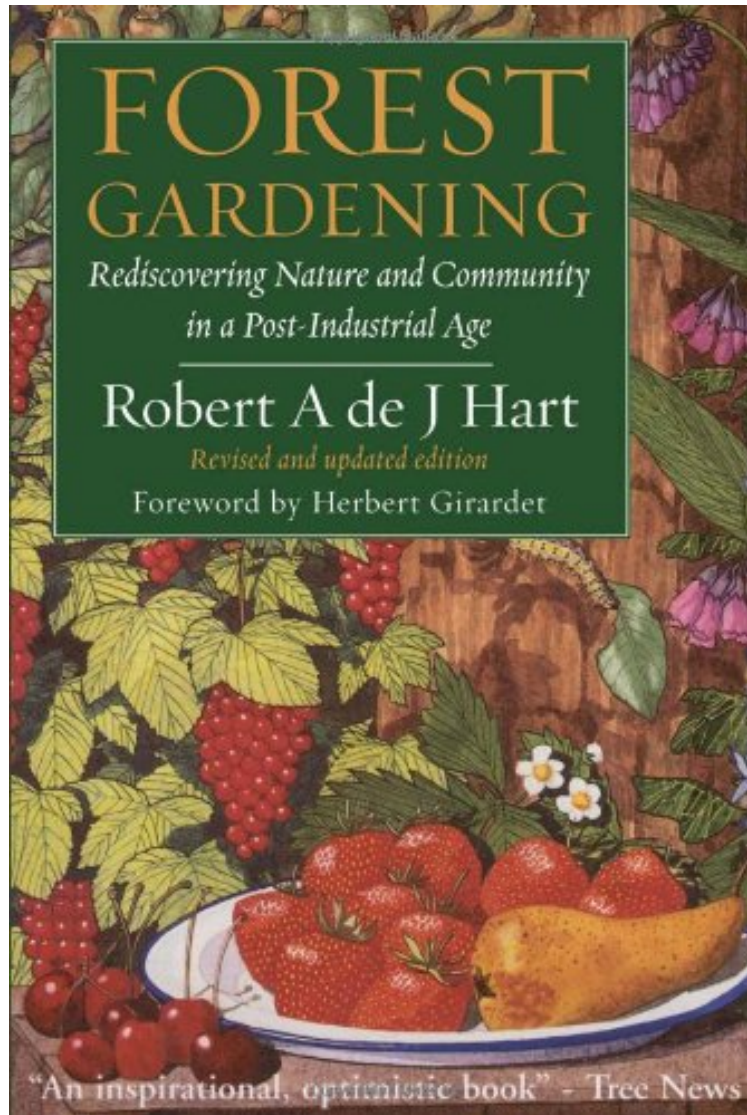


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Contains some good informationBy CustomerI'd been wanting to read this book for some time. I was a bit disheartened to find it a "preachy" read, harping on our connection to nature

(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.

Forest gardening is a way of working with nature which is not only productive and requires minimal maintenance, but creates great environmental benefits. Robert Hart describes the principles and practice of forest gardening (a form of Agroforestry or Permaculture), and shows its potential value for countering environmental devastation both in the West and in the Third World. The book includes guidelines on how to design and maintain a forest garden, and lists of recommended species for temperate, tropical and sub-tropical climates.

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