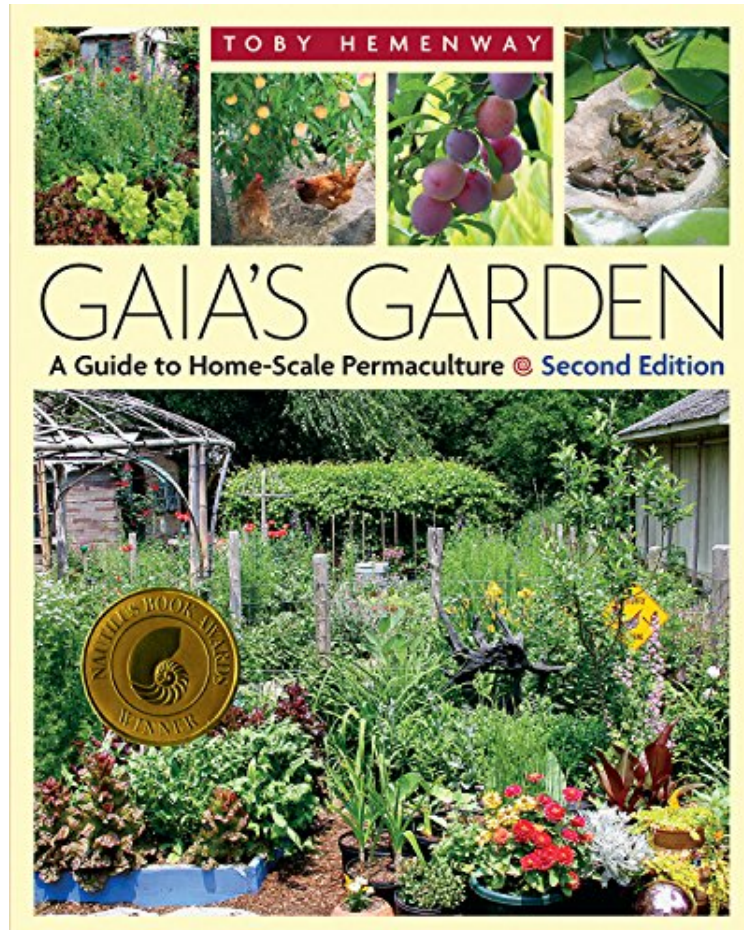


# Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture, 2nd Edition

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The first edition of Gaias Garden sparked the imagination of Americas home gardeners, introducing permacultures central message: Working with Nature, not against her, results in more beautiful, abundant, and forgiving gardens. This extensively revised and expanded second edition broadens the reach and depth of the permaculture approach for urban and suburban growers. Many people mistakenly think that ecological gardeningwhich involves growing a wide range of edible and other useful plantscan take place only on a large, multiacre scale. As Hemenway demonstrates, its fun and easy to create a backyard ecosystem by assembling communities of plants that can work cooperatively and perform a variety of functions, including: Building and maintaining soil fertility and structure Catching and conserving

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