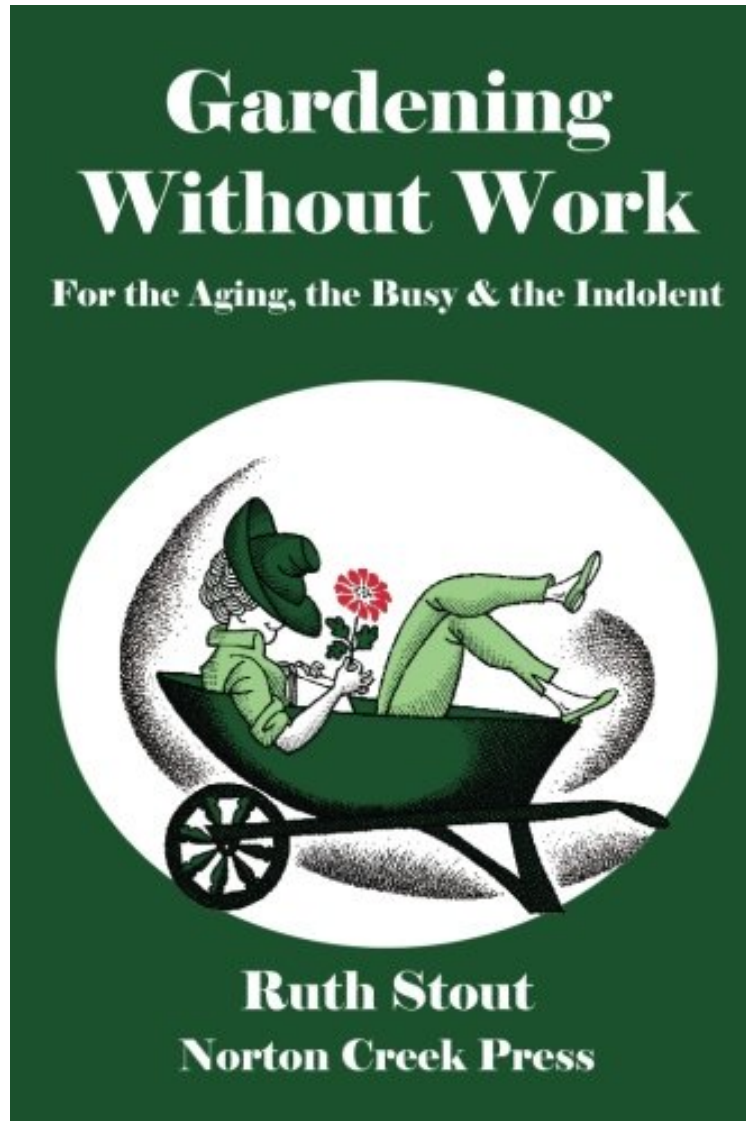


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Ruth Stout : Gardening Without Work: For the Aging, the Busy the Indolent (Ruth Stout Classics) (Volume 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardening Without Work: For the Aging, the Busy the Indolent (Ruth Stout Classics) (Volume 1):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. NOT A BIG MYSTERYBy RiverGall noticed a mention of Earl Stanley Gardner in Ruth Stout's book, probably a sly dig at her brother, Rex Stout, whose Nero Wolfe mysteries I

adore. Too bad these folks are gone, I would love to write them each a fan letter. To her book -- yes, it's premise is simple, but we folk who were raised on the complexities and mysteries of gardening JUST CAN'T BELIEVE it's that easy. I've started and my only problem is getting enough straw. When I get some down, it looks so pretty! I think if I put down hay, the deer and rabbits would assume it was for them. I'll report back next spring, meanwhile, enjoy the book over the winter!

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By gayle snelsonThis book is utterly charming as well as presenting an innovative way of gardening. We've had the best garden ever this year, in part because of ample rain, so I was looking for information to nudge along our success. After trying just a few of her methods, we're looking forward to extending our vegetable garden into the fall. Ruth Stout had gardened for 50 years when she wrote this book and readily admits the failures that are sometimes inevitable. However years of experience with her methods have resulted in usually great crops in her huge vegetable garden and from very little work. Sounds impossible, but no tilling, no plowing, no weeding, no fertilizers or "-cides", and it all makes a lot of sense when you read the book. Her methods also work for flower gardeners. She was a delightful old lady and I cannot wait to read her other books.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. WonderfulBy SnowelenRuth Stout, in her own quiet way, caused a gardening revolution. Her mulch method is now time honored and many books have been published parroting her mulching ideas. Many are good books but I love her honesty and open style. She never claimed to be an expert but was always open to new ideas and shares her failures as openly as her successes.Great read!

Garden expert and lovable eccentric Ruth Stout once said: "At the age of 87 I grow vegetables for two people the year-round, doing all the work myself and freezing the surplus. I tend several flower beds, write a column every week, answer an awful lot of mail, do the housework and cooking-and never do any of these things after 11 o'clock in the morning!" Her first book about her no-work gardening system, *How to Have a Green Thumb Without an Aching Back*, was the kind of book people can't bear to return. She reports, "A dentist in Pennsylvania and a doctor in Oregon have both written me that they keep a copy of my garden book in their waiting rooms. Or try to; the dentist has had twenty-three copies stolen, the doctor, sixteen." *Gardening Without Work* is her second gardening book and is even more entertaining and instructional than the first, so hide it from your friends! How does it work? "And now let's get down to business. The labor-saving part of my system is that I never plow, spade, sow a cover crop, harrow, hoe, cultivate, weed, water or irrigate, or spray. I use just one fertilizer (cottonseed or soybean meal), and I don't go through the tortuous business of building a compost pile. Just yesterday, under the "Questions and Answers" in a big reputable farm paper, someone asked how to make a compost pile and the editor explained the arduous performance. After I read this I lay there on the couch and suffered because the victim's address wasn't given; there was no way I could reach him. "My way is simply to keep a thick mulch of any vegetable matter that rots on both my vegetable and flower garden all year round. As it decays and enriches the soil, I add more." Regardless of topic, Ruth Stout's writing is always about living a joyous and independent life, and *Gardening Without Work* is no exception! This book is a treasure for the gardener and a delight even to the non-gardener. First published in 1961, this Norton Creek Press version is an exact reproduction of the original edition. Ruth Stout, who, in her teens helped temperance activist Carrie Nation smash saloon windows, could turn any aspect of life into an adventure. She may have been the only woman who both gardened in the nude, wrote a book on happiness (*If You Would Be Happy*) and one about the quirky people who came to visit (*Company Coming: Six Decades of Hospitality*). (Both are available from Norton Creek Press.) Ruth died in 1980 at the age of 96.

.com Gardening that requires only planting and picking seems almost sacrilegious, but with Ruth Stout's garden methods, weeds and bugs are no more than fading memories. In a neighborly, conversational tone that makes this how-to book on gardening a lot of fun, Stout gives advice on growing various vegetables and flowers, finding the best catalogues and nurseries, avoiding chemicals on plants, and--best of all--year-round mulching, which is Stout's pice de resistance that keeps the unwanted elements out of your greened acres. If you've ever wanted your own asparagus bed, but thought it was too exotic a plant to grow on your own, *Gardening Without Work* is a great place to dig in.

From the Back CoverWith this delightful book, you can garden with hardly any labor except planting and picking. The Stout System of mulch gardening will allow you to throw away your weeding tools, pesticides, and fertilizers, and will conserve and replenish the soil to make plants thrive. (6 X 9, 226 pages, illustrations)