

Get an early start on the planting season with these books that show how to get the most from your plants, the sun, and your money.



- a Did you know that garlic planted next to roses deters aphids and other predators?
- that marigolds planted at the foot of apple trees will have a positive effect on fruiting and the tree's resistance to pests?
  - or that cabbage growth will be greatly improved by interplanting with aromatic herbs?

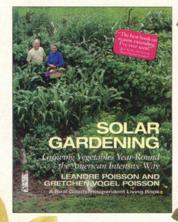
For centuries, farmers and gardeners have observed the benefits of growing particular plants together to improve the health and growth of fruit, flowers, vegetables and herbs, but it is only in recent years that science has begun to confirm the positive effects companion planting schemes can have in the garden. Pamela Allardice has blended this traditional wisdom with the latest scientific findings to create an easy-to-use alphabetical guide. Interspersed with delightful snippets of folklore, traditional herbal remedies, this superbly illustrated book will enable you to plant a garden that will be better able to take care of itself without the use of harmful chemicals and pesticides. -from Angus&Robertson in Your Garden

Producing a beautiful yard and a bountiful garden doesn't have to cost a fortune. Gardeners really can "have it all," says Master Gardener Rhonda Massingham Hart, and they really can get something for nothing. In Dirt-Cheap Gardening, Hart shares years of practical experience and imaginative, time-tested ideas for saving money.

Dirt-Cheap Gardening offers a wealth of tips, tricks, and hints on how to:

- & Reuse and recycle
- Identify and acquire useful tools, not just "toys"
- has Institute low-cost ways of assuring healthy plants
- Buy, save, and start seeds
  - Obtain plants for free—or at least as best buys
- Create inexpensive garden
- & Evaluate which plants make a better investment that others -from Garden Way Publishing

Garden Way Publishing, 1995, 166 pages, 6" x 9", paperback, \$9.95



Solar Gardening shows how to increase the effects of the sun during the coldest months of the year and how to protect tender plants from the scorching sun during the hottest months through the use of solar "mini-greenhouses." The book includes instructions for building a variety of solar appliances plus descriptions of more than 90 different crops, with charts showing when to plant and harvest each. The result is a year-round harvest even from a small garden.

- In Solar Gardening learn how to: Dramatically increase the annual square-foot yield of your garden.
- Extend the growing and harvest seasons for vegetables.
- Select crops that will thrive in the coldest and hottest months of the year, without artificial heating or cooling systems.

Armed with nothing but this book and a few simple tools, even novice gardeners can quickly learn to extend their growing season and increase their yields, without increasing the size of their garden plot.

-from Chelsea Green Publishing

Chelsea Green Publishing, 1994, 267 pages, 8 ½" x 11", paperback, \$24.95

Angusé-Robertson, 1993, 208 pages, 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>", paperback, \$18.00

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