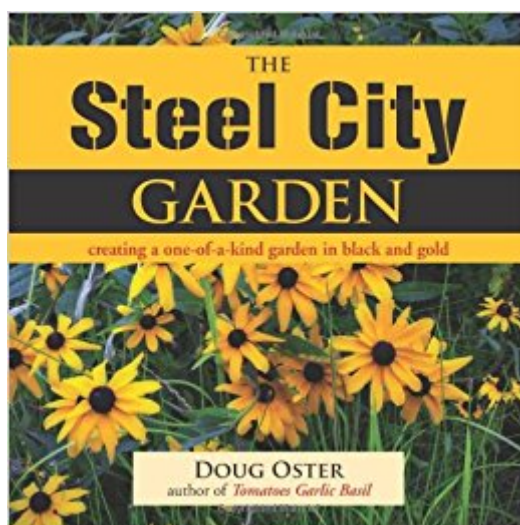


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The Steel City Garden: Creating A One-of-a-Kind Garden In Black And Gold



Synopsis

Pittsburgh fans are now adding a cheering section to their garden, with black and gold combinations of flowers, plants and yard decor. This fun book is a how-to guide for dressing your garden in Pittsburgh colors. Doug Oster, one of Pittsburgh's best-known garden experts, presents familiar as well as unique plants, like yellow carrots, black radishes, black roses and buttercup shrubs. And he shows how to bring black and gold to the garden with pots, furniture and special focal points. The Steel City Garden will bring a touch of hometown pride to any garden. Full-color photographs throughout.

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Customer Reviews

In 2009, Doug Oster won an Emmy Award for writing, producing and hosting the one-hour PBS documentary *The Gardens of Pennsylvania*. In 2011 and again in 2013, Doug won the Garden Writers Association (GWA) National Media award for his "Digging With Doug" weekly video series, through the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Pittsburgh fans near and far have a new garden book to cheer about. Doug Oster's *The Steel City Garden* show you how to create a one-of-a-kind garden in the city's emblematic black and gold colors: flowers, fruits and veggies, trees and shrubs, and whimsical outdoor décor. This fun, informative guide will bring a beautiful touch of hometown pride to any garden. "There are so many passionate Pittsburgh sports fans all over this country. Now, with Doug Oster's *The Steel City*

Garden, they have one more way to show their loyalties: a black and gold garden. What a fabulous idea!" -Josh Miller, former punter for the Pittsburgh Steelers and co-author of Always a Home Game

Author Doug Oster hit a smashing Home Run with Steel City Garden. This creative, fun and unique book makes an awesome gift for gardening and Steelers fans of all ages. Doug's passion for gardening and Pittsburgh Steelers loyalty is clear throughout the book. If you are looking for a cool gift, a way to spruce up your garden, or a relaxing read, Steel City Garden is the way to go. Happy reading!

I was made homebound last weekend by an early December icestorm, and had the opportunity to enjoy The Steel City Garden. It was hard to put down. Interwoven with practical tips on organic gardening, whimsical anecdotes and local stories, and punctuated by an impressive, sometimes astonishing montage of color photography, this work is something more than a gardening book. In capturing the essence of the spirit of the region, it is a valentine to the Pittsburgh gardening community. The charm of this work lies in the writer's unassuming style, he is "Everygardener"; someone whom you would invite unconditionally into your yard, have muse over your particular horticultural problems, and end up solving the most pressing problems of Western Civilization over mint juleps. We all have experienced a favorite uncle, eccentric neighbor, or bohemian co-worker who exude the passion for the solace and life's simple pleasures derived from toiling the soil. Read this book and you will understand the world from their perspective. Finally, as a Pittsburgh sports fan of almost four decades, I would put this book high on my list as a clever, spot-on, gift alternative to the silly and expensive bobbleheads, retro jerseys, cheap beads and other garish chimera that clutter the stressful world of our black and gold existence. Players come and players go. But daffodils, day lilies, and black eyed susans last forever, don't have agents, never complain about playing time, or have to arbitrate their salaries before they bloom!

Steel City Garden is a must have for any gardener and any Pittsburgh fan. The photography is stunning and the layout is superb. The detail Doug Oster uses to describe the multitudes of plants, from flowers to fruits, is spectacular. You can tell his heart and soul goes into this. I love the tips scattered throughout the book. My wife and I are avid gardeners and sports fans. When we aren't gardening we are busy cheering on our beloved Pittsburgh sports teams. So, this book compliments our lifestyle perfectly. The book could not have been released at a better time. I plan on buying several of these as Christmas gifts. What are you waiting for? Buy some for friends and family!

Doug Oster throws a game winning touchdown pass with Steel City Garden!!!

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