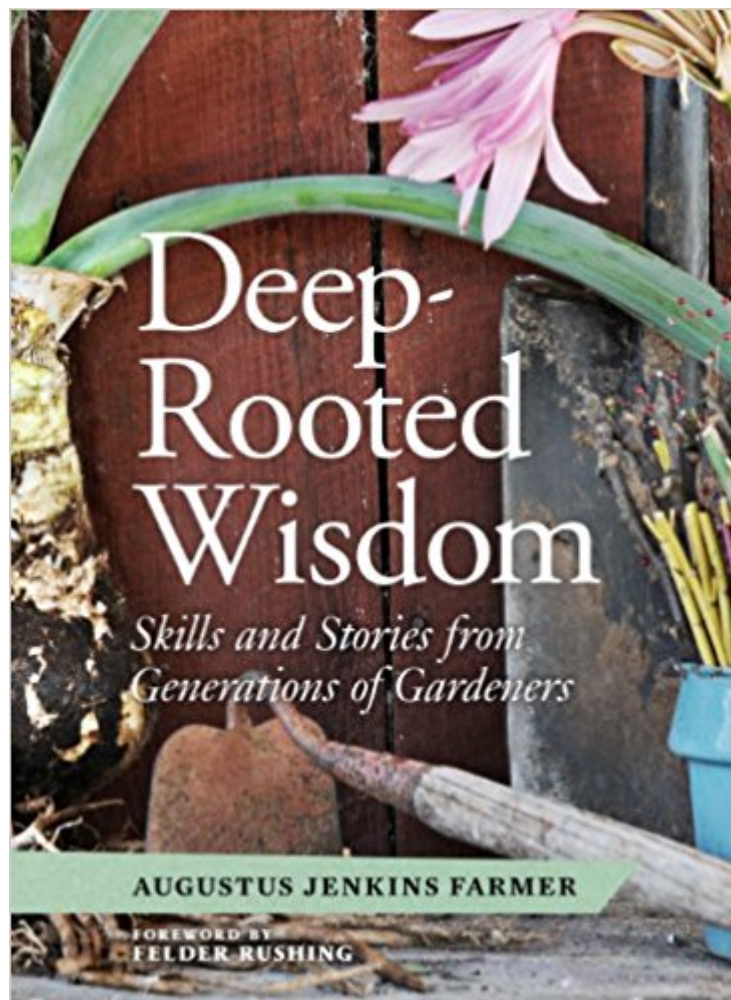




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Deep-Rooted Wisdom: Skills And Stories From Generations Of Gardeners



Synopsis

We have begun to lose some of the most important skills used by everyday gardeners to create beautiful, productive gardens. With a personality-driven, engaging narrative, *Deep Rooted Wisdom* teaches accessible, commonsense skills to a new generation of gardeners. Soulful gardener, Augustus Jenkins Farmer, profiles experienced and up-and-coming gardeners who use these skills in their own gardens. Enjoy this chance to get planting, propagation, and fertilizing knowledge handed down directly from the experts in the field.

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Many how-to gardening books these days are heavily slanted toward providing readers with state-of-the-art cultivation techniques, from seed selection and soil analysis to optimal planting times for every climate zone. For this refreshing, down-to-earth handbook of traditional gardening methods, South Carolina horticulture expert and organic flower grower Farmer takes another approach, offering a cornucopia of old-school wisdom from peers and mentors who often developed their plant-growing skills through trial and error. In 11 engaging chapters, complete with abundant illuminating photos, Farmer covers topics such as building fertile soils, preserving heirloom seeds, shaping gardens around handmade structures, and reviving essential but neglected hand tools. Each chapter describes a time-honored skill or idea, introduces people who have mentored Farmer in these older ways, and shows readers how these practices can be adapted for modern times. Together with the author's wry humor and overflowing enthusiasm for his chosen profession, this

treasure trove of homespun botanical advice will remind growers why they fell in love with gardening in the first place. --Carl Hays

• With a relaxed, Southern charm. . . . Farmer invites readers into his community of plants, people, and landscapes, gently urging readers to adopt old gardening ways and adapt them to 21st-century life. • "Publishers Weekly • Engaging. . . . Each chapter describes a time-honored skill or idea, introduces people who have mentored Farmer in these older ways, and shows readers how these practices can be adapted for modern times. . . . This treasure trove of homespun botanical advice will remind growers why they fell in love with gardening in the first place. • "Booklist • Farmer's enthusiasm for sharing his and his mentors' knowledge shines through the text, and the color photographs are beautiful and useful. • "Library Journal • I can't think of a recent gardening book I have enjoyed more. Nowhere else could I have met so many wise gardening mentors or learned about a ^sapro-entrepreneur^ and a ^rose rustlers.^ • "Garden Rant • A compelling tour through generations of hard-won gardening wisdom and traditions, through the eyes of Jenks Farmer and his own garden mentors. • "The American Gardener • Farmer is a natural storyteller. • "Somerset Daily American • Deep-Rooted Wisdom: Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners^ is not nostalgia or reminiscence; it is a guide to how old skills and ideas can be adapted, using the latest science, for modern gardening. . . . Farmer is an original, in the best sense of the word, and Deep-Rooted Wisdom is a highly original book. • "Cherokee Library • Peppered with stories and humor, this treasure trove of down to-earth gardening advice passed down through generations is a great read for both the new and the master gardener. • "Charleston Daily Mail • This is a down-to-earth handbook of traditional gardening methods. . . . A wonderful gift for the gardener in your life. • "Norwich Magazine • A^ delightful retro guide to simpler yet successful ways to grow and enjoy plants. • "Carolina Country • This is a delicious book to pour over because there are so many connections between people and plants. • "The Herald-Journal • Novice gardeners, veteran planters and everyone in between can find something to enjoy inside the pages. . . . features practical lessons, oral histories and DIY pointers. • "Columbia Daily

Wonderful gardening book.

One can seldom take the wrong path when listening to, or reading, words of wisdom. This book by Augustus Farmer reveals tidbit tips of advice about gardening. Skills are often learned from Master

Gardeners if one will pause a few moments to listen and try to understand. Many gardening mistakes and costly errors could be avoided. Pleasurable adventures await you, first by reading, absorbing, and practicing these methods. Experience sets good examples. I enjoyed following along another's pathway.

I really didn't expect much from this book, but I was pleasantly surprised. Garden writers and gardeners are two different species, usually, but Jenks does a pretty good job as both. There is a lot of very useful information this book. I've recommended it to my fellow gardeners.

This book is full of information.

This book is a pleasure to look at and to read. It was clearly a labor of love, but there is certainly a great deal of wisdom in it, too, and not just about plants. It reads like a literary work. I am certain that I will return to it many times in the coming years.

This book brought back many great memories of gardening with my Great Grand Mother, my Grand Mother and of course my Mom. Great ideas and interesting facts...I am thrilled I live so close.

Excellent book. Great gardening information and tips. Historical information was good and some humor added to the whole. Suggested my friends should buy it !

Bought as a gift for a Master Gardener that loved the stories held within. If you have a gardener at home, this is a great read for them. Enjoy!

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