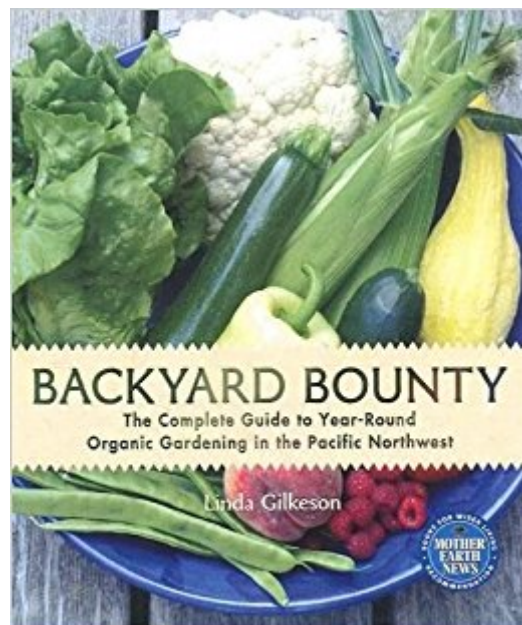




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I think this is a very informative book for the PNW gardener...including information on bugs and issues we face with vegetable plants and fruit trees. The book isn't listed by chapter for each month of the year, but there is a lot of information included for every season throughout the book. Would love to have seen colored pictures, instead of the B&W ones, because you show examples of bugs on the plants, rust on leaves, and more....and it would be nice to be able to compare them to issues on my leaves and plants.

I'm a newbie gardener. I bought a bunch of vegetable gardening for PNW books and this was the easiest one that I read.

Linda Gilkeson is the best writer about gardening in the PNW. Period.

Must read if you are trying to garden on the coast or Islands of the Pacific Northwest. Our temperate cool climate is a challenge, and these season extending techniques will allow you to grow many more "normal" crops. Not a good reference if you are in the "normal" areas of the US - like Phoenix.

I live in the PNW and have LOVED this book! Though I'm no greenthumb, she has everything calendared out through the year, so if I miss some planting/gardening one month, I just roll on to the next month and pick up where I left off.

This is great book if you live in the NW away from the high desert. The book is thorough and full of good information for intense gardening and year-around gardening. It's well worth the purchase price.

I'm in the NW and truly grateful to this author and publisher. They have provided an interesting but easy to read, thoughtful, uncomplicated - but not overly simplified - guide to growing my Willamette Valley back yard with healthy produce. We have very specific needs for each of our NW area micro-climates, This author held my hand when I needed it and then led me as needed to more information when I was ready. Thank You!

This was my first how-to-garden book and I was so happy to find one specifically for organic gardening, specifically for the Pacific Northwest. Internet sources are good for general gardening tips; this book is perfect for specific regional tips, planting timetables by season and month, plant troubleshooting (aphids!) and how-to's. I used it as my reference constantly over the last year. Planning my garden was much less frustrating with the lists of plants easy, medium, and challenging to grow in this region. Recently, I found the chapter on seed starting to be a great refresher for starting my own seeds. I'm new to Seattle AND to gardening, and this book has been invaluable for me to learn the quirks of growing in this climate. I bought the Kindle version so searching the full text for specific topics is so easy. My only critique is that the monthly planting schedules are a little hard to read in the digital format.

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