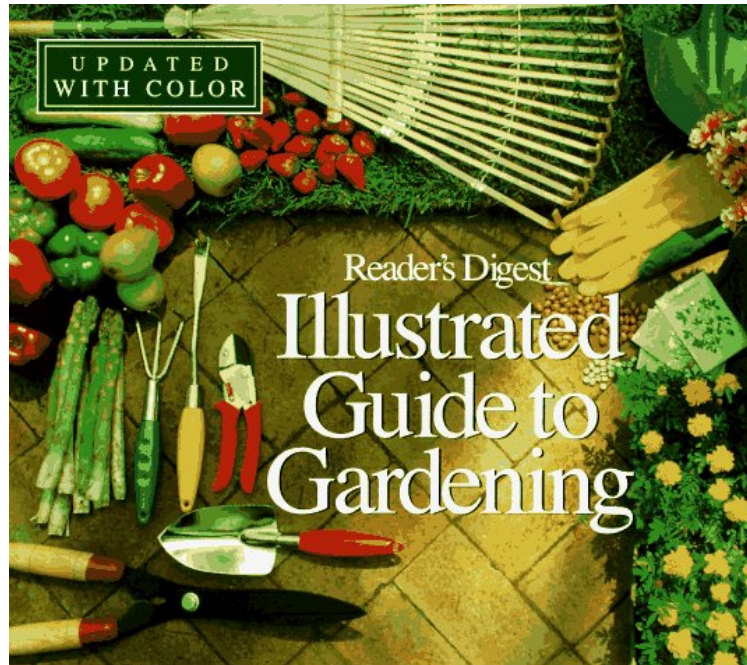


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Oldie and, in some ways, still a Goodie By Mary S Like other reviewers, I was delighted to see this book available in a new edition. I'd lost my original copy years ago (I think I loaned it to somebody), and I really missed it. I got it just in time for spring planting--vegetables and perennials. By and large, the information was as I remembered it: helpful and to the point. But while I am willing to give it four stars, for old times sake, there are some noteworthy deficiencies that I feel need to be pointed out. Times have, after all, changed since the first edition of this guide came out. For example, this guide is VERY pesticide/herbicide-friendly--including some that are no longer recommended for home use. Non-chemical pest control is not covered. There is also no attention given to organic-or sustainable--gardening here, or to topics like companion planting. And the recommended varieties of vegetables and fruits are woefully out of date. . . You know you are in serious trouble when "Roma" and "Lemon Boy" are mentioned as "specialty" varieties of tomatoes, for example. Needless, to say, there is no mention of heirloom varieties! As a handy reference guide, this book remains useful to a point. One thing I noticed this time around is that the book has, by and large, an Eastern/Midwestern perspective. Not an issue to me when I first used it, in upstate New York and then in Michigan. But out here in the Rocky Mountain/High Plains region, much of what they take for granted about soil conditioning, watering, seasonal planting and harvesting, etc. misses the mark. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Illustrated Guide to Gardening By contractor Illustrated Guide to Gardening is an excellent book. I have owned this book for 30 years, I have two copies. Recently I bought this book as a house warming gift. The recipients love it. IGG is like a user's guide to plants. It identifies all the common plants you are likely to encounter; indoor plants, outdoor plants, vegetables, shrubs, trees, lawns, EVERYTHING. The book tells you

about optimum growing conditions, mature height, planting, propagation, etc. for each plant. There are details about gardens, landscaping, watering, pruning, feeding, mulching, etc., etc. Illustrated Guide to Gardening is a classic garden reference book because it is so comprehensive. It has an excellent index and lists plants by both the common name and Latin name. It's like a college text book but very readable. This is an A+ book; everyone should have a copy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent reference guide. By David Webb Wow ! This book is packed ! Lots of information extremely few blank space in it. Contents, Index, U.S. Regions, Garden planning, trees, vegetables, flowers, weeds. How to plant and care for each one. From 1978 but plants don't change and gardening not so much either. Plus MANY, many, many illustrations. An Excellent reference guide.

Providing guidance on a wide range of garden types from small backyard plots to country acreage, an in-depth reference offers straightforward information on such topics as plants, pest-control, fertilizer, and environmental awareness. 100,000 first printing.