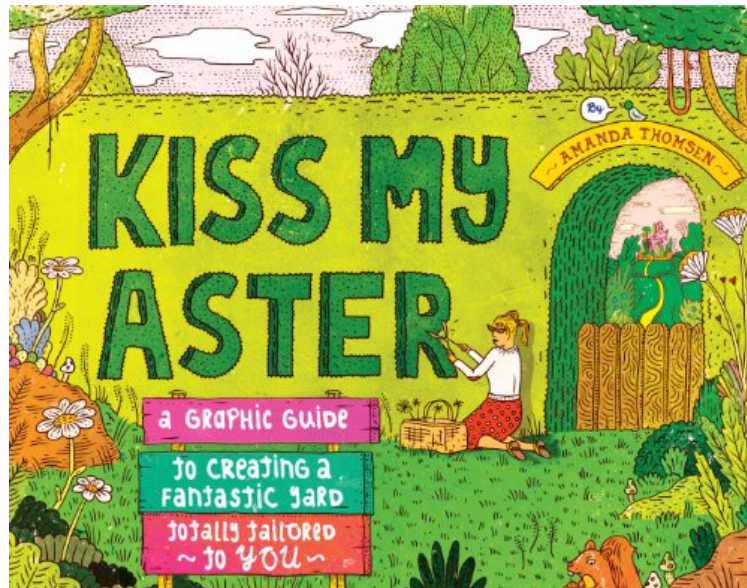


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great start for a new gardenerBy Greg ThomasThis book was recommended to me by a friend. I have zero knowledge of gardening but I am wanting to start. The way this book is laid out is informative and entertaining and I love it. My 8 and 12-year-olds love it and are learning with me. The information is easily accessible and the format makes learning and reading enjoyable.11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A funny, wry how-to gardening bookBy Virginia music loverIf Dorothy Parker had written a beginners' guide to gardening, this would be it. Ms. Thomsen has a wry, sly wit. She also knows lots about gardening -- not just the flowers end, but the big stuff end as well.This is an ideal book for the beginning gardener who does not want to read a boring gardening book. I am an advanced gardener, having owned a variety of homes over 30 years. And having made tons of basic mistakes over 30 years. This book aims to prevent those mistakes, such as planting trees too close to houses, not going with an overall plan, etc. (I bought the book because I follow Ms. Thomsen's humorous "Kiss My Aster" page on Facebook.) Even though I know lots about gardening, I still learned things from the book. She also got me to think more about the purpose of gardening. It's important to ask what you want to accomplish with a given space before you start (something I've always been bad at doing.) Besides looking nice, do you want to impress? Or is this mainly for privacy? I figure if I had had this book 30 years ago I would have saved a few thousand dollars and many hours of digging up mistakes.The book is laid out in steps, so you can skip ahead if you know the basic basics. However, I didn't want to skip ahead at all because there is always some humor lurking somewhere on a page. And that is the key to this book, because you will read it end to end. The alternative is to buy a boring encyclopedia of gardening with lots of glossy pictures that you will never read, or will consult after it's

too late. "Hey, honey, I think I know why our row of boxwoods died, and it's spelled d-o-g-p-e-e." Fitting with the overall theme, instead of glossy pictures, the book has cartoon-like drawings. If I were pairing this book with another, it would be S.J. Perelman's *Acres and Pains*, which takes one through the hell of owning a country house.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. Most Innovative Design Book in Years By Jean A. Van Krevelen There's a reason why Gen X and Y are not that interested in gardening. It's because most gardening books, shows and radio are for the over fifty crowd. Now, don't get excited, I am fast approaching fifty, and there's nothing wrong with liking more traditional content. BUT, younger folks find it stuffy, boring and definitely not funny. Amanda Thomsen and her publisher decided to step outside the box and write an innovative, fun to read design book that is helpful for newbie gardeners...and for old hands who want a fresh perspective. To say that I love this book would be an understatement. Do yourself a favor and read it. It's like *Highlights* for adults!

Who cares what the neighbors think? *Kiss My Aster* is a hilarious, irreverent, interactive guide to designing an outdoor space that captures your unique personality. Amanda Thomsen fills this quirky book with innovative ideas, encouraging you to forget the accepted rules and make your own landscaping choices. Whether you want privacy hedges, elegant flower beds, a patio for partying, a pond full of ducks, or all of the above, you'll end up with a yard you'll adore.

From *Booklist* Entertaining and vibrant, *Kiss My Aster* goes beyond horticultural information and ideas and stirs creativity. Much of the appeal of Thomsen's book are the delightful color drawings that recall the magic that gardens held for us as children. By pairing the illustrations with handwritten-style fonts, a synergy is engendered that perfectly complements the witty texts blend of practical tips (locate underground cables and lines) and encouragement: approach landscaping as a form of self-expression and dream big. Word games and scavenger hunts are just part of the whimsical interactivity in this graphic presentation, where how-to meets choose-your-own-adventure presentation. Thomsen's many options help simplify the decision making involved in planning, planting, and, if desired, hiring a pro. She urges readers to grow their own food, listing funny and sensible reasons; for example, Garlic and garlic chives repel vampires. She devotes detailed sections to worms (Eat my trash), composting (Compostest is the mostest), and vines (antisocial climbers), along with providing essentials on soil, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, and more. For novice gardeners who will be inspired by visions of garden parties with elephants, balloons, and unicorns. --Whitney Scott Garden blogger and landscape designer Thomsen (*Grocery Gardening*) offers beginning gardening advice in a totally fresh way: This is a graphic guide aimed at newbie gardeners who may have cashed in their hipster chips for homeownership but haven't changed their style. The gardening basics design, hardscape, soil, water, plant selection, care -- are covered with panache. Thomsen's voice has a sassy edge ("Getting bored with all this? Why not make a chore cootie catcher?", a real object for which there are instructions), and the full-color graphics by Am I Collective simply steal the show. The book is fittingly idiosyncratic, which will profoundly challenge any readers who prefer linear thinking, chapters that treat one subject at a time, and tables of contents that help a reader find something quickly. But the book is irresistibly flip-through and a thing of beauty that will help a new school of gardeners who don't want to do it granny's way. Simple but revolutionary, it's an amusing new way to offer *Gardening 101*.