

# Start A Community Food Garden The Essential Handbook

Food gardening is becoming increasingly popular, as people look for new ways to live more sustainably and minimize harm to the environment. This book addresses the 21st century trends which bring new challenges to food gardening - anthropogenic climate change, environmental degradation, natural resource scarcity, and social inequity - and explains the basic biological, ecological and social concepts needed to understand and respond to them. Examples throughout the text demonstrate how to successfully use these concepts, while supporting gardeners' values, and their goals for themselves, their communities and the world. This volume brings together librarians, LIS students, educators, and researchers, to discuss the many ways that information professionals and libraries serve as agents of securing health information justice.

Quiet Gardens is an exploration of horticulture as a medium for meaning and for spirituality. In an increasingly secular age when absolute values are taboo, political correctness reigns supreme, and our lives orbit Planet Consumer, we need experiences to balance the emphasis on material acquisitions. Internationally, tensions are running high in the global village and environmental issues are at the top of the agenda. The shadow of terrorism emphasises ideological differences, but it also draws together those living underneath it: inter-faith and ecological conversations have become necessities rather than luxuries. In this climate, with the yearning for experience and our new understanding of collective responsibility, the spiritual dimension can flourish; but the desire to pursue the spiritual manifests itself, not in traditional or institutionalised religion but in new ways. This book describes a journey that seeks to re-investigate mankind's relationship with nature and, through this, an understanding of what is spiritual. The Bible begins with the story of creation and of God walking with the man and the woman in the garden in the cool of the day. For many, enjoying and/or making a garden is both a connection with the wider environment and a link to that which is beyond ourselves, and the book includes a section on the Christian charity, the Quiet Garden Trust, featuring some of its unusual and remarkable gardens. From conversations with three leading garden thinkers and creators (Charles Jencks, Beth Chatto and Sir Roy Strong), the journey takes us on a path of exploration and discovery, via Buddhist, Ba'hai and Islamic gardens, to the making of an inter-faith garden which won a medal at the Chelsea Flower Show. It shows us that the relationship between meaning, spirituality and horticulture transcends cultural and religious differences and offers hope for the future.

For ten years James Robertson walked the twenty-one-mile round-trip from his Detroit home to his factory job; when his story went viral, it brought him an outpouring of attention and support. But what of Robertson's Detroit neighbors, likewise stuck in a blighted city without services as basic as a bus line? What they're left with, after decades of disinvestment and decline, is DIY urbanism—sweeping their own streets, maintaining public parks, planting community gardens, boarding up empty buildings, even acting as real estate agents and landlords for abandoned homes. DIY Detroit describes a phenomenon that, in our times of austerity measures and market-based governance, has become woefully routine as inhabitants of deteriorating cities “domesticate” public services in order to get by. The voices that animate this book humanize Detroit's troubles—from a middle-class African American civic activist drawn back by a crisis of conscience; to a young Latina stay-at-home mom who has never left the city and whose husband works in construction; to a European woman with a mixed-race adopted family and a passion for social reform, who introduces a chicken coop, goat shed, and market garden into the neighborhood. These people show firsthand how living with disinvestment means getting organized to manage public works on a neighborhood scale, helping friends and family

members solve logistical problems, and promoting creativity, compassion, and self-direction as an alternative to broken dreams and passive lifestyles. Kimberley Kinder reveals how the efforts of these Detroiters and others like them create new urban logics and transform the expectations residents have about their environments. At the same time she cautions against romanticizing such acts, which are, after all, short-term solutions to a deep and spreading social injustice that demands comprehensive change.

Recommended by the American Community Gardening Association Community gardening enhances the fabric of towns and cities through social interactions and accessibility to fresh food, creating an enormously positive effect in the lives of everyone it touches. LaManda Joy, the founder of Chicago's Peterson Garden Project and a board member of the American Community Gardening Association, has worked in the community gardening trenches for years and brings her knowledge to the wider world in *Start a Community Food Garden*. This hardworking guide covers every step of the process: fundraising, community organizing, site sourcing, garden design and planning, finding and managing volunteers, and managing the garden through all four seasons. A section dedicated to the basics of growing was designed to be used by community garden leaders as an educational tool for teaching new members how to successfully garden.

*Reclaiming Our Food* tells the stories of people across the United States who are finding new ways to grow, process, and distribute food for their own communities. Discover how abandoned urban lots have been turned into productive organic farms, how a family-run sustainable fish farm can stay local and be profitable, and how engaged communities are bringing fresh produce into school cafeterias. Through photographic essays and interviews with innovative food leaders, you'll be inspired to get involved and help cultivate your own local food economy.

This book provides an extensive overview and analysis of current work on semiotics that is being pursued globally in the areas of literature, the visual arts, cultural studies, media, the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Semiotics—also known as structuralism—is one of the major theoretical movements of the 20th century and its influence as a way to conduct analyses of cultural products and human practices has been immense. This is a comprehensive volume that brings together many otherwise fragmented academic disciplines and currents, uniting them in the framework of semiotics. Addressing a longstanding need, it provides a global perspective on recent and ongoing semiotic research across a broad range of disciplines. The handbook is intended for all researchers interested in applying semiotics as a critical lens for inquiry across diverse disciplines.

This book explores the challenges facing food security, sustainability, sovereignty, and supply chains in the Arctic, with a specific focus on Indigenous Peoples. Offering multidisciplinary insights and with a particular focus on populations in the European High North region, the book highlights the importance of accessible and sustainable traditional foods for the dietary needs of local and Indigenous Peoples. It focuses on foods and natural products that are unique to this region and considers how they play a significant role towards food security and sovereignty. The book captures the tremendous complexity facing populations here as they strive to maintain sustainable food systems – both subsistent and commercial – and regain sovereignty over traditional food production policies. A range of issues are explored including food contamination risks, due to increasing human activities in the region, such as mining, to changing livelihoods and gender roles in the maintenance of traditional food security and sovereignty. The book also considers processing methods that combine indigenous and traditional knowledge to convert the traditional foods, that are harvested and hunted, into local foods. This book offers a broader understanding of food security and

sovereignty and will be of interest to academics, scholars and policy makers working in food studies; geography and environmental studies; agricultural studies; sociology; anthropology; political science; health studies and biology.

Vine-ripened tomatoes. Succulent squash. Plump cucumbers. Growing vegetables is a rewarding and cost-effective way to eat better for less. Yet many don't know where to start. Author and farmer Catherine Abbott answers questions like: What is the best way to maximize my garden space? How do I get started growing food to sustain my family? Can I grow vegetables inside my house? How can I tell if my vegetables are primed for eating? Will I really save money by growing my own? You will find affordable tips on how to plant and harvest more than thirty common vegetables, from spinach and eggplant to corn and beans. Abbott's expertise shines on planting, fertilizing, watering, weeding, and troubleshooting. This book has everything you need to grow fresh, delicious veggies in any climate, any time of year!

This publication presents a collection of case studies by Mountain Partnership (MP) members from around the world, highlighting experiences of agroecological mountain farming systems. It aims to increase attention toward agroecological principles and approaches and showcase their potential. The MP, the only United Nations global voluntary alliance dedicated to sustainable mountain development, is fully committed to promoting actions that can improve the resilience of mountain people and environments. In mountains, the practice of agroecology and the conservation of agrobiodiversity results in more resilient agricultural and food systems. Sustainable mountain farming systems can drive progress towards reducing rural poverty, contributing to zero hunger, and ensuring the resilience of mountain communities while maintaining the provision of global ecosystem services, especially those related to water. Food security in mountains is a matter of concern. Through adequate and coordinated pro-mountain policies, investments, capacity development, services, and infrastructures, as well as efforts to provide smallholders and family farmers with access to innovation, mountain farming systems have the potential to become pathways for change. In doing so, they can provide valuable support and impetus to the transition to sustainable food systems, contributing to revitalizing rural areas and lifting mountain peoples out of poverty and hunger, while protecting fragile mountain environments for the future.

"Documents 44 years of the late Karl Linn's work creating neighborhood commons, such as community gardens, playgrounds and parks. Includes a dozen photographically-illustrated case studies. Offers practical advice on engaging professionals with local popu

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in mind. It cuts through general prepper paranoia and offers sustainable, frugal tips on how to make yourself more resilient even if TEOTWAWKI (the end of the world as we know it) never comes.

Urban social movements are influential agents in shaping cityscapes to reflect values and needs of communities. Alongside urban population growth, various forms of urban agriculture activity, such as community and market gardens, are expanding, globally. This book explores citizens' 'rights to city' and alternative views on urban space and the growing importance of urban food systems.

Gardening can be a political act. Creativity, fulfillment, connection, revolution—it all begins when we get our hands in the dirt. Food Not Lawns combines practical wisdom on ecological design and community-building with a fresh, green perspective on an age-old subject. Activist and urban gardener Heather Flores shares her nine-step permaculture design to help farmsteaders and city dwellers alike build fertile soil, promote biodiversity, and increase natural habitat in their own "paradise gardens." But Food Not Lawns doesn't begin and end in the seed bed. This joyful permaculture lifestyle manual inspires readers to apply the principles of the paradise garden—simplicity, resourcefulness, creativity, mindfulness, and community—to all aspects of life. Plant "guerilla gardens" in barren intersections and medians; organize community meals; start a street theater troupe or host a local art swap; free your kitchen from refrigeration and enjoy truly fresh, nourishing foods from your own plot of land; work with children to create garden play spaces. Flores cares passionately about the damaged state of our environment and the ills of our throwaway society. In Food Not Lawns, she shows us how to reclaim the earth one garden at a time.

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The Call of the Land is a sourcebook exploring positive pathways for food security, economic stability, environmental repair, and cultural renewal. This book shows how everyone can respond creatively to the challenges we face. From community gardens and locavore restaurants to urban farms and local food banks, this book is a survey and synthesis of the great transition that is underway.

Get this entire "Modern American Frugal Housewife" Series! Book #1: Home Economics Are you looking for ideas on how to lower your living expenses? Home Economics doesn't have to be difficult. Inspired by Lydia Maria Francis Child's 1833 book, "The American Frugal Housewife", this book is written for the MODERN American Frugal Housewife in mind.

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personal care products like soap and lip balm. This book will also teach you extreme couponing techniques to get the best or even money making deals at stores like Target (for food, diapers and more), Staples (for school supplies) and Kohl's (for clothes and household items). Bonus: An extra tip on where you can get BRAND NEW age-appropriate books sent to your child (under age 5) every month for FREE! Book #4: Emergency Prepping If you can survive in the arctic naked with nothing but a paperclip, this book is not for you. If you can kill a grizzly bear with your bare hands, this book is not for you. If you're planning for a Zombie Apocalypse or the next Ice Age, this book is not for you. If you're just a regular person looking for practical realistic emergency bug-in prepping tips, ideas and tactics that you can use TODAY, this book IS for you. How can you replace gallons of chlorine bleach (for water treatment) with just 1lb of this chemical? How do you ration water when supply is limited? How can you stop bleeding with an easy-to-grow plant? How can you develop the best defense in a bug-in situation for little monetary cost? Get all these questions answered and more. Written by a homesteader, this book offers practical bug-in frugal prepping ideas with the regular Joanne (or Joe) in mind. It cuts through general prepper paranoia and offers sustainable, frugal tips on how to make yourself more resilient even if TEOTWAWKI (the end of the world as we know it) never comes.

Collaboration and leadership strategies for long-term success Fueled by the popularity of permaculture and agroecology, community food forests are capturing the imaginations of people in neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the United States. Along with community gardens and farmers markets, community food forests are an avenue toward creating access to nutritious food and promoting environmental sustainability where we live. Interest in installing them in public spaces is on the rise. People are the most vital component of community food forests, but while we know more than ever about how to design food forests, the ways in which to best organize and lead groups of people involved with these projects has received relatively little attention. In *The Community Food Forest Handbook*, Catherine Bukowski and John Munsell dive into the civic aspects of community food forests, drawing on observations, group meetings, and interviews at over 20 projects across the country and their own experience creating and managing a food forest. They combine the stories and strategies gathered during their research with concepts of community development and project management to outline steps for creating lasting public food forests that positively impact communities. Rather than rehash food forest design, which classic books such as *Forest Gardening* and *Edible Forest Gardens* address in great detail, *The Community Food Forest Handbook* uses systems thinking and draws on social change theory to focus on how to work with diverse groups of people when conceiving of, designing, and implementing a community food forest. To find practical ground, the authors use management phases to highlight the ebb and flow of community capitals from a project's inception to its completion. They also explore examples of positive feedbacks that are often unexpected but offer avenues for enhancing the success of a community food forest. *The Community Food Forest Handbook* provides readers with helpful ideas for building and sustaining momentum, working with diverse public and private stakeholders, integrating assorted civic interests and visions within one project, creating safe and attractive sites, navigating community policies, positively affecting public perception, and managing site evolution and adaptation. Its concepts and examples showcase the complexities of community food forests, highlighting the human resilience of those who learn and experience what is possible when they collaborate on a shared vision for their community. Community gardens are "cropping" up all over, allowing neighbors to work together, grow together, and reap the delicious rewards of their labor together! As more and more people become interested in getting back to nature and growing their own food, the community-gardening movement is exploding in popularity, giving city and suburban dwellers an opportunity to try out their green thumbs. As neighbors come together to get their hands dirty in

the name of beautifying public spaces and taking steps toward more sustainable living, camaraderie is blossoming, and knowledge is growing right along with the flowers, fruits, and vegetables. This 144-page, colorfully illustrated guide to community gardening offers comprehensive planning and planting advice to those looking to start a garden in the community, as well as to those interested in joining an existing garden. With this useful guide, horticulture and community-supported agriculture (CSA) specialist Ben Raskin shares his expertise and experience with those interested in community gardens. Inside this book, you'll explore different approaches to community gardens, with profiles of different types from around the world, including community-supported agriculture, shared plots, individual plots, orchards, rooftop gardens, movable gardens, and more. Get inspired by the Gemeinschaftsgärten of Germany, the Kartori City CSA in Japan, Annechien Meier's "garden on wheels" in The Netherlands, Incredible Edible in the UK, and more. Learn how to get the whole family involved in the community's gardening efforts and start a community garden from scratch, including gathering a team, brainstorming, navigating the legalities, securing funds, and breaking ground; the essentials for successful growing, like site locations, soil health, watering techniques, and more; how to organize fun community events like seed swaps and workshops to raise awareness of and draw participants to community gardens; how to select a site and plan the garden's layout, irrigation system, and division of plots; and more. A helpful season-by-season schedule is provided, laying out important tasks to maximize growing and harvesting and maintain your community garden in the off-season. Finally, you'll find a plant directory featuring detailed descriptions of dozens of plants, bushes, flowers, trees, fruits, vegetables, and herbs—including tomatoes, rosemary, apples, blackberries, corn, squash, potatoes, salad greens, kale, carrots, and more—that will thrive in a community-garden setting, plus growing, tending, and harvesting tips for each. Learn how to start your own community garden! Garden profiles from communities around the world, like Sunnyfields Community Garden in Australia, the Philadelphia Orchard Project, and Brook Park Chickens in the Bronx. Community-supported agriculture (CSAs), shared plots, individual plots, orchards, rooftop gardens, movable gardens, and more. Starting from scratch including gathering a team, navigating the legalities, securing funds, and getting the whole family involved. Organizing events such as seed swaps and workshops, to raise awareness of and draw participants to your community garden. Planning a layout, irrigation system, division of plants, and more for your selected site. Season-by-season schedule of tasks to complete to maximize growing and harvesting and maintain the garden in the off-season. Plant directory with detailed descriptions of suggested flowers, fruits, vegetables, herbs, and more that will thrive in a community-garden setting.

**Abstract:** A resource book is presented for community groups and individual citizens on consumer action projects related to food, housing, energy, and health. Successful local projects are described in each category. A section on basic tools provides guidelines for organizing a community project and obtaining necessary resources. The section on food covers co-ops, home and community gardening, community nutrition, and food needs of the elderly. The section on health discusses care centers, specialized services, health education and self-care, health planning, and health care reform. Appendices contain organization names and addresses and other resource materials.

This concisely written and easy-to-read resource provides timely information on emerging issues and valuable historical context that enables students to better understand a broad range of environmental health topics, from pollution to infectious diseases, natural disasters, and waste management.

- Supplies introductory materials that provide a conceptual framework for readers
- Includes contributions from more than 50 expert researchers and practitioners as well as information from interviews with leaders in the environmental health field
- Presents historical context for current developments concerning environmental health
- Offers suggestions on steps individuals can take to reduce their environmental health risk and stay

healthy

The environmentalist's bible' Times Higher Education Supplement. 'Essential reading' The Good Book Guide. 'The most comprehensive, up-to-date, and accessible summaries ... on the global environment' E. O. Wilson, Pulitzer Prize winner. Celebrating its 25th year of publication, State of the World 2008 suggests that something huge and even revolutionary is struggling to be born as policymakers, business leaders and others around the globe create the architecture of sustainable economies. Featuring chapters on renewable energy, innovations in clean production, commons resources, trade policy, finance for sustainability, new economic yardsticks, and many other topics, State of the World 2008 is the first global-level publication to showcase a wide range of diverse innovations and to demonstrate their near-term potential to put whole societies on a sustainable path. Published annually in 28 languages, State of the World is relied upon by national governments, UN agencies, development workers and law-makers for its authoritative and up-to-the-minute analysis and information. It is essential for anyone concerned with building a positive, global future.

In Building Community Food Webs, Ken Meter shows how grassroots leaders across the U.S. are constructing civic networks to create healthier and more equitable food systems. Overturning extractive economic structures, these inspired food leaders are engaging low-income residents, farmers, and local organizations in their quest to build stronger communities. Network-building takes a variety of forms and arises out of multiple activities. Farmers and researchers may convene to improve farming practices collaboratively. Food banks engage their clients to challenge the root causes of poverty. Municipalities invest large sums to protect farmland from development. Building Community Food Webs captures the essence of these efforts, and offers pragmatic insights for community food leaders anywhere.

Vengeance or Forgiveness? What would you choose? Being a teenager has its ups and downs. Ups? Hot boys, the mall, best friends, dreams of an amazing future. So much potential. Downs? Hot boys, parental drama, frenemies, emotional craziness, snakes emerging from your head when angry... Yeah, I was surprised, too. How am I supposed to stay on my carefully planned path when my true biological heritage presents its ugly head—ahem, heads. And when the messengers of my so-called destiny happen to be two of the most incredibly hot and irritating males on the planet, I'm left fantasizing about my previously boring life. Am I supposed to believe that my duty is to seek vengeance? Or to grant mercy to the offender? And how on earth am I qualified to make these decisions? I'm bound to make mistakes along the way, but keep your fingers crossed that I don't inadvertently send the world to Tartarus in a hand basket.

Different factors have contributed to what is known as the Contemporary Food Paradox. To express this more graphically, let us say that more than a third of the food in the world is wasted while almost 800 million people suffer extreme

malnutrition. Now the Millennium Goals' deadline expired, we must set the targets for the Sustainable Development Goals for the next decades. Many national and international organizations point out the imperative need to give an adequate reply to this paradox. Food waste has important economic and environmental implications and, in addition, there is an undeniable ethical and social justice aspect. Beyond the figures of hunger and malnutrition, mothers, the unweaned, and small children die prematurely and young people experience a deficient physical and mental development. All these people, members of our human family, oblige us to recognize their inherent dignity as human beings and their equal and inalienable rights. In this work, academics from fifteen countries and different disciplines discuss proposals and strategies in order to respond to the desire for a world without waste or food poverty.

Everybody Eats tells the story of food justice in Greensboro, North Carolina—a midsize city in the southern United States. The city's residents found themselves in the middle of conversations about food insecurity and justice when they reached the top of the Food Research and Action Center's list of major cities experiencing food hardship. Greensboro's local food communities chose to confront these high rates of food insecurity by engaging neighborhood voices, mobilizing creative resources at the community level, and sustaining conversations across the local food system. Within three years of reaching the peak of FRAC's list, Greensboro saw an 8 percent drop in its food hardship rate and moved from first to fourteenth in FRAC's list. Using eight case studies of food justice activism, from urban farms to mobile farmers markets, shared kitchens to food policy councils, Everybody Eats highlights the importance of communication—and communicating social justice specifically—in building the kinds of infrastructure needed to create secure and just food systems.

One person really can make a difference. From starting neighborhood kitchens to connecting food pantries with local family farms, Ali Berlow offers a variety of simple and practical strategies for improving your community's food quality and security. Learn how your actions can keep money in the local economy, reduce the carbon footprint associated with food transportation, and preserve local landscapes. The Food Activist Handbook gives you the know-how and inspiration to create a better world, one meal at a time.

Over the past decade, there have been an increasing number of publications that have analysed and critiqued the potential of tourism to be a mechanism for poverty reduction in less economically developed countries (LEDCs). This book showcases work by established and emerging researchers that provides new thinking and tests previously made assumptions, providing an essential guide for students, practitioners and academics. This book advances our understanding of the changes and ways forward in the field of sustainable tourism development. Five main themes are illustrated throughout the book: (1) measuring impacts of tourism on poverty; (2) the need to evaluate whether interventions that aim to reduce poverty are effective; (3) how unbalanced power relations and weak

governance can undermine efforts; (4) the importance of the private sector's use of pro-poor business practices; and (5) the value of using multidisciplinary and multi-method research approaches. Furthermore, the book shows that academic research findings can be used practically in destinations, and how practitioners can benefit from sharing their experiences with academic scholars. This book was based on a special issue and various articles from the Journal of Sustainable Tourism.

The experts of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden use case studies to show how gardening produces safe, eco-friendly food, brings neighbors together, offers science lessons for children, and gives participants the satisfaction that comes with making things grow, in a richly illustrated guide to community gardening. Original.

You won't believe your eyes when you see the size of your harvest! In High-Yield Vegetable Gardening, authors Colin McCrate and Brad Halm show how you can make your food garden much more productive, no matter how big or small it is. You'll learn their secrets for preparing the soil, selecting and rotating your crops, and mapping out a specific customized plan to make the most of your space and your growing season. Packed with the charts, tables, schedules, and worksheets you need — as well as record-keeping pages so you can repeat your successes next year — this book is an essential tool for the serious gardener.

There has been a resurgence of community gardening over the past decade with a wide range of actors seeking to get involved, from health agencies aiming to increase fruit and vegetable consumption to radical social movements searching for symbols of non-capitalist ways of relating and occupying space. Community gardens have become a focal point for local activism in which people are working to contribute to food security, question the erosion of public space, conserve and improve urban environments, develop technologies of sustainable food production, foster community engagement and create neighbourhood solidarity. Drawing on in-depth case studies and social movement theory, Claire Nettle provides a new empirical and theoretical understanding of community gardening as a site of collective social action. This provides not only a more nuanced and complete understanding of community gardening, but also highlights its potential challenges to notions of activism, community, democracy and culture.

Globally, the food system and the relationship of the individual to that system, continues to change and grow in complexity. Eating is an everyday event that is part of everyone's lives. There are many commentaries on the nature of these changes to what, where and how we eat and their socio-cultural, environmental, educational, economic and health consequences. Among this discussion, the term "food literacy" has emerged to acknowledge the broad role food and eating play in our lives and the empowerment that comes from meeting food needs well. In this book, contributors from Australia, China, United Kingdom and North America provide a review of international research on food literacy and how this can be applied in schools, health care settings and public education and

communication at the individual, group and population level. These varying perspectives will give the reader an introduction to this emerging concept. The book gathers current insights and provides a platform for discussion to further understanding and application in this field. It stimulates the reader to conceptualise what food literacy means to their practice and to critically review its potential contribution to a range of outcomes.

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- \*Profiles of different types of community gardens around the world, such as community-supported agriculture, shared plots and individual plots, orchards, rooftop gardens, movable gardens, and more
- \*Getting the whole family involved in the community's gardening efforts
- \*Starting a community garden from scratch, including gathering a team, navigating the legalities, and securing funds
- \*Organizing fun community events, such as seed swaps and workshops, to raise awareness of and draw participants to community gardens
- \*Selecting a site, Planning the garden's layout, irrigation system, and division of plots
- \*A season-by-season schedule of tasks to maximize growing and harvesting and maintain the garden in the off-season
- \*A plant directory featuring detailed descriptions of close to 50 flowers, fruits, vegetables, herbs, and more that will thrive in a community-garden setting

Australia's food system is more than just broken—it's killing us. The groundbreaking *Fair Food: Inspiring People to Change the World* tells the new story of food – the story of how food and farming in Australia are dramatically transforming at the grassroots to match the transition of our times. This book tells the stories of innovation, from local food hubs and the GE-free movements to open-source software code, community-shared and urban agriculture, radical transparency, ethics of scale, backyard food-forests and regenerative agriculture. In a time of bullying corporations, supermarket monopolies and environmental degradation, *Fair Food* offers compelling and inspiring stories of personal transformation from 'ordinary' people.

Some cities offer their residents lots of cool restaurants, arts activities, and business opportunities—but few green spaces. Poorer areas may have empty lots or abandoned buildings, and no nearby parks. Community gardens are a great idea for either of these scenarios—and so many more! Through inspiring descriptions of the benefits of community gardens, including their positive ecological impact, readers will run to the nearest plot of land to start a garden! From the science of composting and organic farming to health topics like fitness

and healthy eating, the motivating content will introduce readers to the fun of community gardens, which can bring communities together, help the environment, and provide a good use for unused lots. Bright, colorful photographs and descriptive sidebars and fact boxes will draw readers in even more—that is, if they haven't already started planting their garden!

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