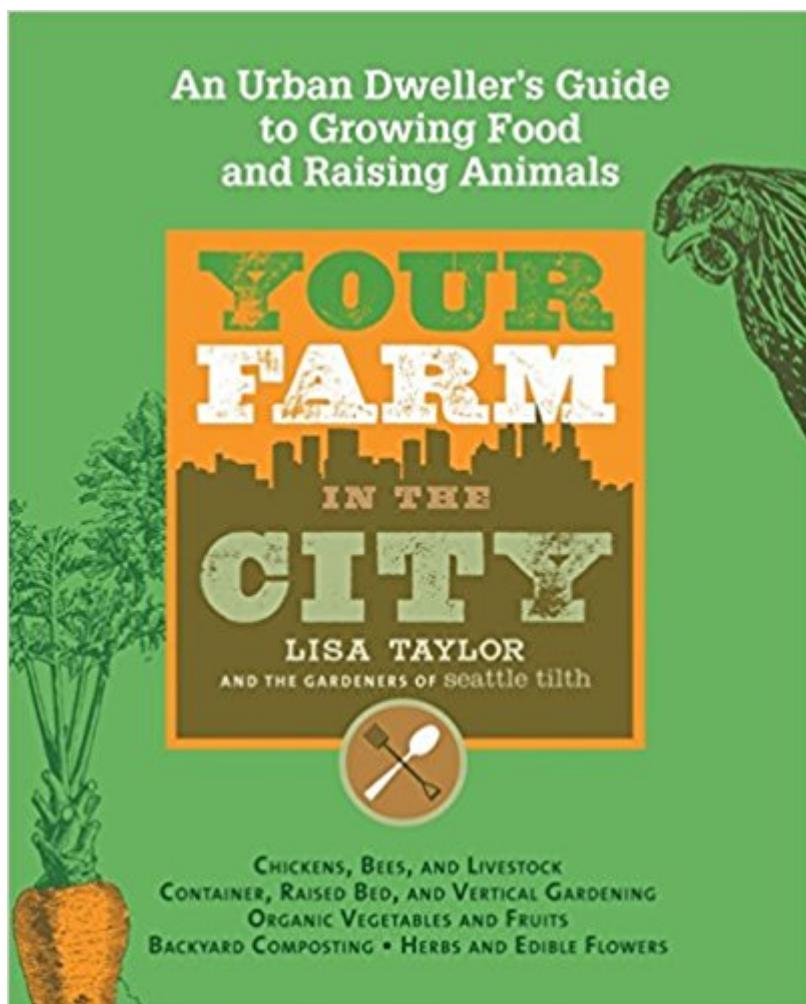


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Your Farm In The City: An Urban Dweller's Guide To Growing Food And Raising Animals



Synopsis

The most complete book on urban farming, covering everything from growing organic produce and raising chickens, to running a small farm on a city lot or in a suburban backyard. Eating locally and growing one's own food is a rapidly evolving movement in urban settings - Hantz Farms in Detroit has transformed 70 acres of abandoned properties into energy-efficient gardens, and Eagle Street Rooftop Farm, a 6,000-foot vegetable farm in Brooklyn, New York, yields 30 different kinds of produce, while private square-foot farms are cropping up in cities all over the country. Created by Lisa Taylor and the gardeners of Seattle Tilth, *Your Farm in the City* covers all of the essential information specific to gardening and farming in a city or town. Clear, easy-to-follow instructions guide and inspire even the most inexperienced urbanite in how to grow and harvest all types of produce, flowers, herbs, and trees, as well as how to raise livestock like chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats, and honeybees. Important information particular to gardening in a city or town is included, such as planning and maximizing limited space, building healthy soil, managing irrigation, understanding zoning laws, outwitting urban pests, and being a considerate farming neighbor. With 100 two-color instructional illustrations throughout and dozens of vital resources, *Your Farm in the City* is the most practical, comprehensive, and easy-to-follow guide to the burgeoning trend of urban farming.

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This upbeat manual for aspiring urban gardeners features a gritty but whimsical, graphic-heavy,

reader-friendly layout and a 21st-century attitude that will appeal to a younger generation of gardeners intrigued by the idea of growing their own food while living in the city. Chapters on planning a city "farm" (which Taylor likens to the more modestly titled kitchen and victory gardens), intensive growing with vertical plantings, and seed starting lay out the basics in a welcoming, unintimidating manner. Discussions of preserving food and urban farm husbandry, from chickens to bees, as well as detailed information on growing a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, edible flowers, and herbs, are thorough enough to be useful and realistic. Numerous sidebars and boxes feature supplementary information as diverse as designing with children's propensity for jumping over plant beds in mind (make them narrow so the kids won't land in the middle of the bed) and recipes for exotic treats like green tomato muffins and calendula salve. Abundant, clear drawings, from oversized illustrations of insects to plans for hoop houses and beehives, make up for the lack of photographs. (Mar.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.

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this was a wedding gift for a dear friend. I had read it and thought it was super cute, well written and thought out. Some books on this subject matter go way overboard. I mean, most of us just want to hobby garden and have a few chickens, we don't need an entire chapter on how to turn rendered bacon fat from our hog into soap or how to build a chicken castle out of recycled kefir containers. This book has wonderful simple and useful advice. Buy it!

I love this book! It is simple to read and has a fun layout. It gives all the basics, and even as a somewhat experienced farmer I still reflect back on it. I've even encouraged friends to purchase it, which didn't take much encouraging.

Good information and reading! Book arrived fast and in perfect condition, will definitely be passing this around my friends and family to read.

this is a great little book. all kinds of helpful gardening help to help with the chickens. even if you do not have a garden or chickens its has lots of information and recipes.....

I like this book, though it is much like all of the other books. No new information, but if this is the first book on this topic for you, then you will be pleased and you will learn a lot from it.

This is an informative book, giving great ideas on starting or improving your home garden. Also good instructions on brewing wine, processing livestock, and other helpful information

Wonderful book, but the Kindle edition is a little hard to read-- many of the illustrations don't show up.

provides great information for the home gardener.

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