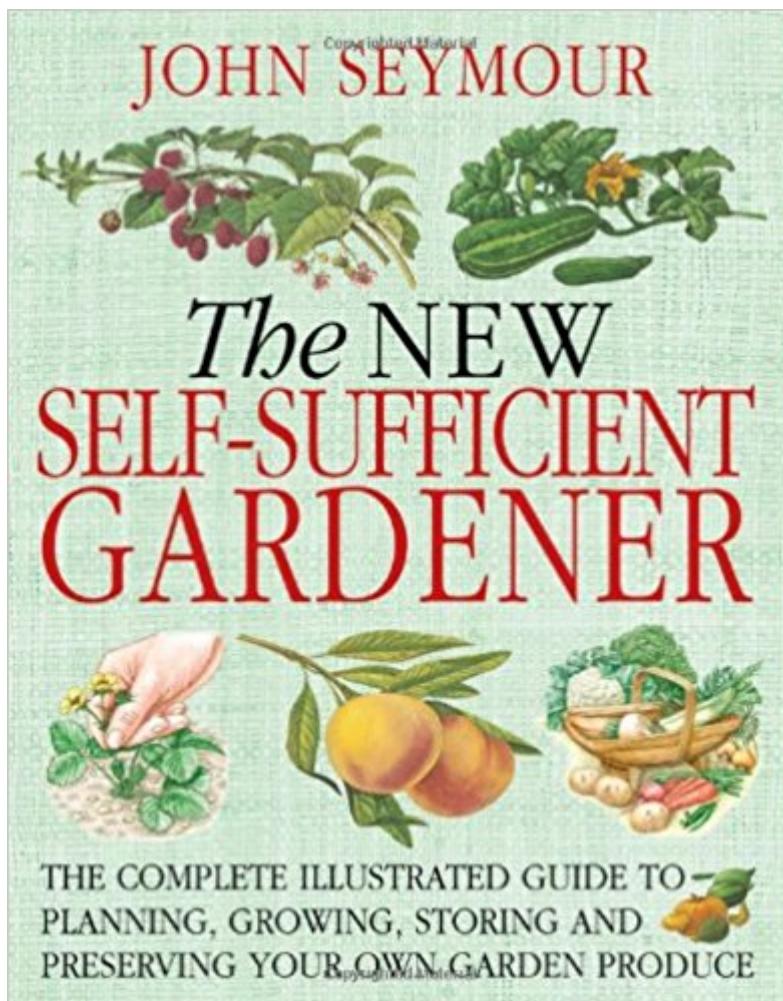


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The New Self-Sufficient Gardener



Synopsis

This revised edition of an old favorite, first published in 1978, explains how to cultivate and preserve all types of fruit, herbs, and vegetables, in addition to instructions on keeping bees and raising chickens. AUTHOR BIO: John Seymour authored over 40 books, including the DK's best-selling Complete Book of Self-Sufficiency and The Forgotten Arts & Crafts. He died in the fall of 2004 at the age of 90.

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Customer Reviews

I have a small, jealously guarded library of best-ever food gardening books, most of them now out of print, and all authored by gardeners who spent at least as much time growing food as writing. So when one of these classics comes back into print, I'm excited. The New Self-Sufficient Gardener by John Seymour is the latest case in point... A fan of deep-bed gardening, his book shows how to get the most out of small amounts of land. All these principles work as well on a hundred-square-foot city garden as on a farm... The result is a book that's loaded with large, engaging color illustrations of fruits, vegetables, composting, whole gardens, greenhouses, chicken coops, trellising, beekeeping, pruning, grafting, and just about every other food-growing activity you can think of.

--Sunset Magazine

John Seymour, the acknowledged founding father of the self-sufficiency movement, was an active campaigner for the countryside and the environment. Students come from around the world to learn

about his lifestyle & philosophies at the centre he established in Ireland. He died in 2004. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

After 30 years of having gardens in small yards, crowded yards, shaded yards and "rented" yards we are finally in the position to tend 25 acres of land. It's ironic that the practices I've learned from the sustainable ag/permaculture/organic gardeners to make the most of my little gardens have now equipped me to grow more than enough food for our family in several small raised beds! This allows us to leave the bulk of our land wild and free for the wildlife that already inhabits it (which also leaves us a lot more time to enjoy the land and wildlife)! That said, I've been working my way through my "oldies but goodies" garden book collection and picking up revised editions where possible and reading new authors as well to see how I can make the most of every bit of garden space I have in an effort to leave the remainder of my land naturalized. This edition now ranks as my favorite all-around comprehensive garden book (and that is a high honor because I have some absolutely brilliant and useful books on my shelf). I cannot believe how much valuable information, beautiful illustrations and new-to-me hints, techniques and ideas I've picked up from this book. On first glance, it looked like it was going to be another book that presented basic information on overall gardening with a little more detail when you get to the nuts and bolts of individual types of plants. Not so! He gives so many detailed instructions, illustrations and ideas for so many plants and techniques that I'm actually a little overwhelmed. What I love most is that these are tips and techniques that anyone--rich or poor, strong or weak, with great tools or a \$1 tree spade, some seeds and a space in the sun--can use to grow a beautiful, nutritious crop of food AND create a healthier, more productive environment as well. I cannot imagine any gardener not enjoying this book and finding something useful to apply in their own garden.

This book is chock full of information for gardening. I first saw it at our library and just had to get it for the house. The illustrations are great and it gives information on so many vegetables and fruits: from how to grow them, problem solve, harvest, and preserve. It is great for beginners or long time gardeners looking for something new. I really love that it covers year round gardening and not just basic spring and summer. It is definitely worth the investment.

This fills in the gaps from John Seymour's *The Self Sufficient Life and How to Live It*. The information is concise and offers great detail and information on everything from composting, seed starting, greenhouses, etc.

I come from a long line of folks with green thumbs but somehow that natural knack for producing a bumper crop from a pile of dirt seems to have skipped me. However, I am willing to learn. And I have learned that it's not really having a green thumb as much as a brown thumb- from keeping your hands in the soil and learning what your soil and plants need. --That and this book. It really teaches you EVERYTHING you need to know. Last year, I only did a couple differnt types of tomatoes, bush green beans and some herbs. This year I am going to do those as well as cucumber, snow peas, carrots, potatoes, squash and green peppers. I'll also add some extra herbs this year. I have a small garden area and his tips for using vertical space and growing in unusual spaces such as potatoes in garbage cans is very helpful. He also explains how to store your vegetables for the winter. He also goes into designing your garden and what chores to do for each of the four seasons. I'm also glad to have a reference for how to take care of each of the different plants. I am so glad I bought this as my one gardening book this year and will probably buy it as a gift and recommend it to others. A very valuable reference if you are just starting out and don't know the difference between compost and soil. :)

Great book on natural gardening!

I bought this new edition because, like the other reviewer, I simply wore out my old copy reading it over and over again. I think all of his books are wonderful, but this one is my favorite. The information is presented in a clear simple manner, that will benefit anyone from the first time gardener to a seasoned expert. The illustrations are superb. It is so much more than a run of the mill gardening book. If you are looking for a single book to help you grow more and better food for your table, you can't go wrong with this one.

I love this book. It has everything and more that I was looking for!

I was completely surprised to see how beautiful this book was, almost a coffeetable book! The drawn illustrations give it the feel of a primer, the information is laid out in a way that builds on your knowledge so it's good for new gardeners, too. There are lots of tips and hints along the way for year round gardening, projects to improve the spaces in your garden, planning for additions to enhance the way you implement thinking about growing foods, and then details on each and every fruit and vegetable. Pruning and regrowth for a good harvest has good information. Lovely book all

around! I'm so happy with this book, even though I have many other books that mirror lots of this info, it's a joy to sit and browse through over and over, highly recommend!

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