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Homegrown Berries: Successfully Grow Your Own Strawberries, Raspberries, Blueberries, Blackberries, And More (Timber Press Growing Guide)



Synopsis

Enjoy delicious, nutritious berries from your own backyard! What says summer more than a bowl full of fresh berries? How about a yard full of them? Homegrown Berries covers the information you need to know about the process from planting to picking. You'll learn the best varieties of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, gooseberries, currants, and elderberries for you, how to fit them into your landscape (including in borders and containers), and how to maintain them for peak harvest. Summer just got sweeter!

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Customer Reviews

Full disclosure: I received a copy free because I contributed two pictures. Otherwise, though, I was not involved in the book, and no one spoke to me about writing a review. I have now taken a quick look at various parts of the book, and overall I'm quite impressed. I would not suggest this be your *only* berry book if you are very serious about growing berries. I would use this book as an excellent complement to The Backyard Berry Book: A Hands-On Guide to Growing Berries, Brambles, and Vine Fruit in the Home Garden, by Stella Otto. The Otto book has excellent material but no photographs, and drawings that are sometimes difficult to work from. This Timber Press book has excellent photographs throughout, very clear diagrams, and updated information about cultivars compared to Otto's book. Much of the information overlaps, but not all. Between this book and the Otto book you should have everything you need to raise most common (and some uncommon)

backyard berries. Having both on hand should make for a very useful berry reference library for the home gardener.

My only complaint is the lack of specification for central southern states when providing recommended plant varieties. Great information, lovely photos, easy to follow. All-in-all, I'd say this is an excellent resource to learn about homegrown berry production.

A quality book on the topic. It delves into different varieties that are good for different regions of the U.S., how to grow berries, where to plant them, how to train them into fences, what sort of soils are preferred, and more. The book covers strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, and other varieties. Full disclosure: I have a photo in the book and received a copy from the publisher for that work. I was not asked to write a review or discuss it. That said, I've read through the book and found the photographs, layout, design, and information very useful.

Detailed explanation of how best to grow the berries of your choice. I didn't know there were so many varieties of strawberries, that it was a good idea to pluck all runners for the first year of life, and a myriad of other both interesting and important points. Next spring I'll be looking for other varieties.

The least complicated instructions for all facets of berry growing. Very clear and concise wording.

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