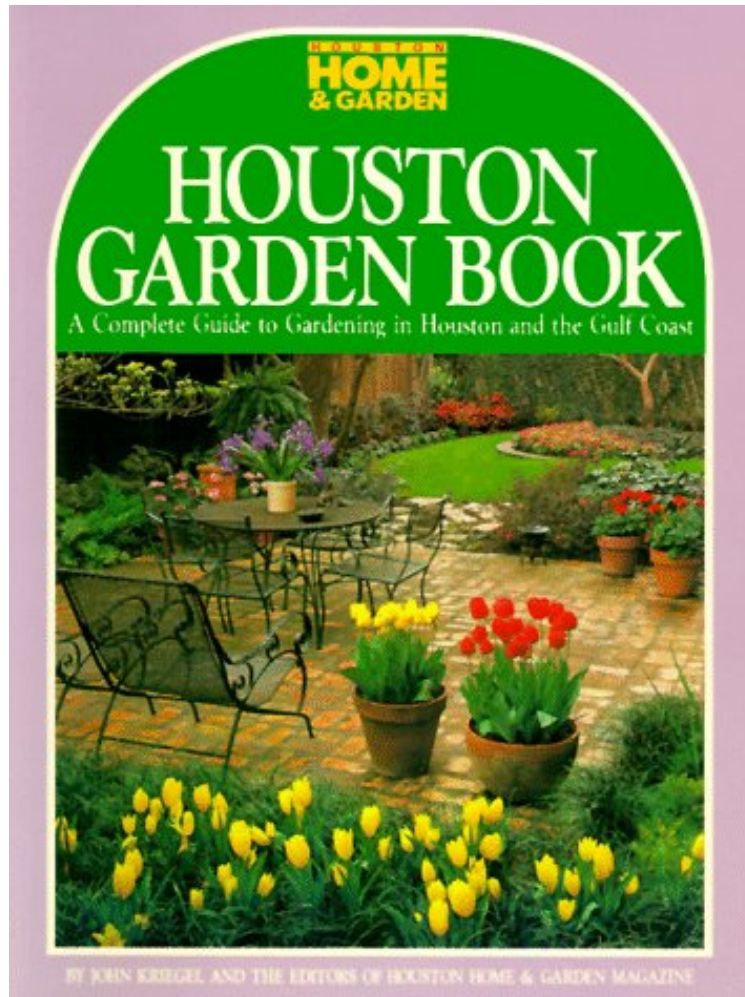


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pests and harvesting. The same goes for the section on growing herbs. It also goes into using and perserving herbs, plus has recipes from Hilltop Herb Farm included. I am Successfully growing 4 patio tomato plants that are producing. I have 8-15 tomatoes on each plant in different stages of growth. My oregano, thyme, basil and cilantro are growing beautifully. I have made numerous italian dishes with the fresh herbs, The family loved the taste, it was so much better than with dried spices. The book also has very indepth sections on trees, palms, shrubs, vines, native plants and flowers. It goes into how to landscape and design your garden. Which plants to use for your major lanscaping and what seasonal plants grow best in this area. It teaches you how to greenhouse garden, and about container gardening as well. The book has extensive info on diseases and pests that can invade your lawn or garden as well. I have already used this to diagnose a problem with my loquat tree. One of the most valuable sections is a large list of poisonous plants. I had no idea how many common garden plants were poisonous including the Foxglove I have blooming in my garden. I would highly recommend this book to everyone who gardens in the Houston area. No matter if you are a beginner gardener or an avid gardener, you will benefit from this book. It is so packed full of knowledge on everything and anything you need to garden in the Houston area. Any questions I have had, I have found in the book since I bought it earlier this spring. My garden has thanked me by growing better than it ever has before. There is nothing like having my coffee out on the patio in the morning right now. The smell of jasmine fills the air and the hummingbirds are here feeding on the nectar from my hibiscus. Don't you love gardens? 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Kriegel's Houston and gulf coast guide to gardening By Robert Shaddox As a young man I admired the beautiful colors and blooms at Moody Gardens in Galveston Texas. Kriegel's skill working with the native pallet of plants was very evident in the varieties of species that thrived and dazzled visitors regardless of the season. In this book he goes into great detail about the wide varieties of plants that can be cultivated in the south Texas area in a way that keeps it easy to understand. The pictures are beautiful and worth the book in their own right. I would highly recomend this book to newcommers to the South Texas area who want to work with regionally successful plants as well to locally seasoned veterans who wish to expand the varieties of plants they use. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is a great, basic reference book By Customer Although a very old original printing, it is a classic primer for gardeners in the Houston area. I give it as a gift to folks in the area who are new to gardening. It is a great, basic reference book.

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