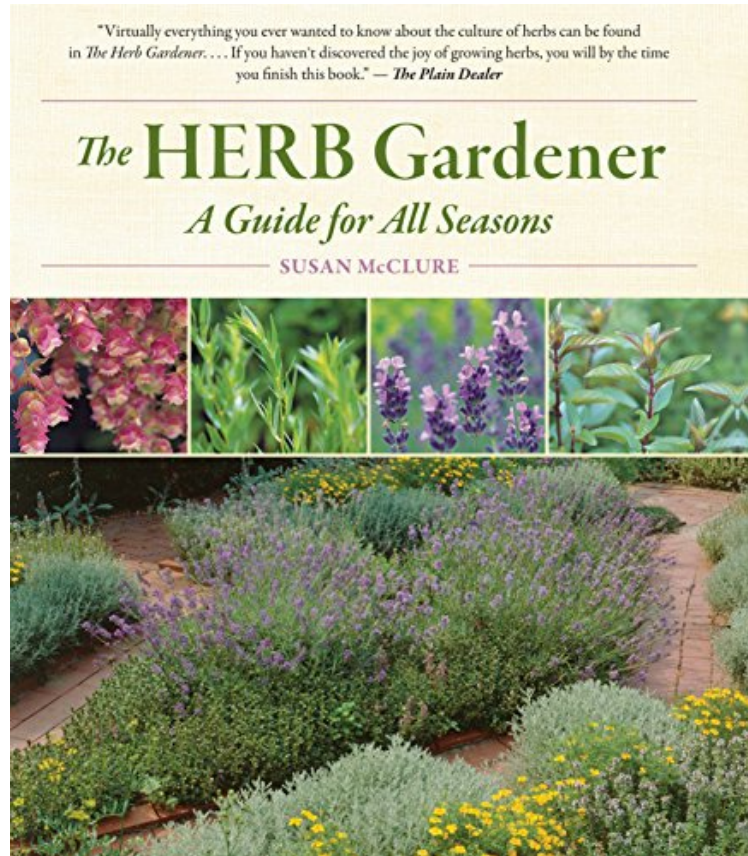


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Whether you keep a few potted herbs on an apartment windowsill or tend a large outdoor garden, this easy-to-use guide is filled with proven techniques that will help you keep your plants thriving. Susan McClure covers every aspect of herb cultivation, including garden design, propagation, enriching soil, pruning, and harvesting. With clear instructions, helpful illustrations, and in-depth profiles of 75 popular herbs, youll be inspired to experiment with new varieties as you grow an abundant and fragrant herb garden.

From Publishers Weekly A comprehensive, reader-friendly resource, this gem is loaded with pointed illustrations and practical information. Drawing on her training as a botanist, McClure (*The Harvest Gardener*) gears opening chapters toward beginners, detailing basics about herbs and their cultivation. A more challenging section on garden design includes tips on such considerations as maximizing sunlight, incorporating hardscape and establishing herbal lawns. In the central part of this guide, a season-by-season approach makes tasks in the herb garden manageable. Instructions are complete but not complex, e.g., the autumn topic "Bringing Herbs Indoors" covers pruning, dividing, transplanting, conditioning and pest management in a few direct, undaunting paragraphs. Sidebars, such as an "Herbs and pH" chart and "Harvesting Hints," and illustrative photos punctuate the text. While the chapter on recipes and craft projects is sketchy and rather ordinary, the wrap-up "Grower's Guide," a cross-referenced alphabetical (by Latin names) listing of over 50 common herbs, offers much to engage gardeners of varied experience. A source listing is also included. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Booklist Judging from the number of books published on the subject, herbs seem to be the hottest trend in gardening. And why not? They are easy to grow and can be grown outdoors all summer and indoors all year. McClure, a botanist and author of six previous books, begins with a definition of herbs ("a plant that has fragrance, flavoring, or medicinal value") and then follows with a chapter on native habitats. Arranged season by season, McClure's book gives information on starting plants from seeds, propagation, pruning, fertilizing, mulching, disease and pest control, and weeding. There are chapters on growing herbs in containers and on recipes and crafts (potpourris and wreaths, for example). There is also a grower's guide, which gives planting, growing, and harvesting instructions for 64 herbs. To have 100 color photographs. George Cohen "This book will help you cultivate the green thumb you never realized you had." -- New York Daily News "A wonderful, advice-filled resource for experienced as well as beginning herb growers." -- Chattanooga Free Press "This the most complete, easy-to-use guide to growing and using herbs at home. Where to plant, what to plant, when to plant, how to plant -- well, you get the idea. This great book has it all." -- Globe-Times (Amarillo, Texas) "The Herb Gardener will appeal to anyone who has ever considered growing herbs....Regardless of your level of interest, from herb gardening in containers to the larger garden, McClure offers practical information." -- Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin "The Herb Gardener is packed with information (recipes, even), written in a way that makes it useful for beginning and experienced gardeners." -- Akron Beacon-Journal "Herbs? Those crumbly things in the spice rack jars, right? If this is all you know of herbs, take a look at *The Herb Gardener*, a book that details the aesthetic possibilities of sowing, growing and cooking with herbs." -- San Francisco Chronicle "Virtually everything you ever wanted to know about the culture of herbs can be found in *The Herb Gardener*....If you haven't discovered the joy of growing herbs, you will by the time you finish this book." -- The Plain Dealer "The Herb Gardener is going to take its place beside a very few of my favorite herb books. It does everything I like a good herb book to do." -- Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial