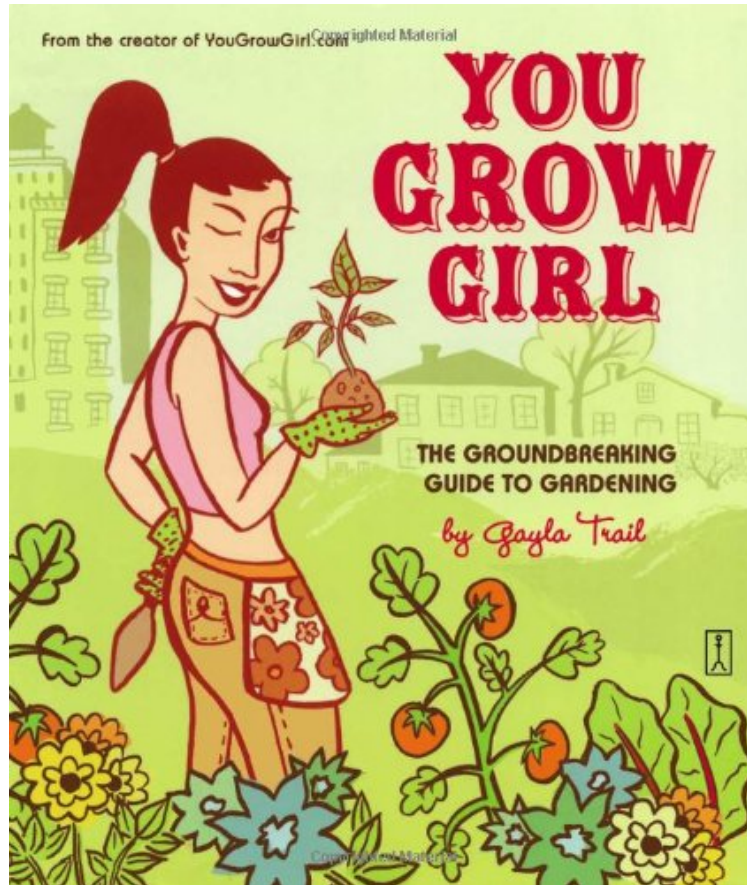


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Gayla Trail : You Grow Girl before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised You Grow Girl:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Grow Vegetables and Enjoy Your Garden At The Same Time!By Bold ConsumerThis is a fun and informative book for all ages.First of all, if you don't have this book and you're serious about gardening, just order it. You don't need to read all of my long review. Don't let the name fool you. The information would be helpful to anyone. A confidence builder for newer gardeners? You bet!You Grow Girl is well written and done in a way that makes it fun to read while giving you lots of great information! I really enjoyed this book. You can't go wrong with anything written by this author. I've learned more than I thought I would learn, without being afraid of making a mistake. She makes gardening easier. She shows that it can also be fun, not just a chore. I think she must be a joyful person, because it shows in her writing.This particular book is appropriate for varying levels of gardening experience and it covers a great deal of material in a simple, easy-to-follow manner. There are pros and cons of various kinds of pots and containers and specific recommendations for those of us with dry, poor soil, compact soil, sunny and wet soil, shady and wet, and/or wet, poor soil. If you like to make planter boxes, you'll find instructions

on how to do it. That's only one way the author helps readers to save money or, as she puts it, "Getting Your Fix Without Getting Burned." Readers learn how to determine if a plant you're considering is healthy or not and how to decode those tags on plants at the store. I've got notes from the "Annuals, Biennials, Perennials" section on self-seeders, more notes on soil pH, nutrients and deficiencies and what will grow in the kind of soil you have. There is information on how to make compost, build and attach window boxes, and all about container planting. I liked her comment about when it's best to just go buy the right potting soil in the store. You may be interested in how to protect your plant from bad weather or how to irrigate properly or deal with drought conditions, fertilize, or grow organically. There are pictures of insects and instructions on what to do about them, how and when to prune, stake, and harvest. This book is PACKED with good information. I don't know how she was able to cover so much, so well, and without being tedious or boring. It's a very practical book and was definitely worth my time. I hope you enjoy it too. I have lots of gardening books and this is very high on the list of my favorites. I learned a great deal from it and recommend it with no hesitation. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This book was way more fun than some of the dry gardening books I've picked ...By Yooks This book was way more fun than some of the dry gardening books I've picked up. I'm in my 20's and have only been gardening (unsuccessfully) for about a year. This book is full of tips for those of us who have small-space gardens in oddball places, as well as lots of jokes and humor. I particularly enjoyed the illustrations. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very fun and informative book on gardening. By L. O'Rourke I'm still reading through this book, and I'm having a great time learning all about gardening. There are great tips for those who have small spaces for gardens, large spaces, no space etc. It's written in an easy to read style. It's not like you are reading a bland instructional book on gardening - it's lively and conversational. This is a great book for those who are baby gardeners and there are great tips for the seasoned gardeners as well. I'm very happy with my purchase and would highly recommend it for my family and friends who are ready to jump in to gardening. Oh! I also like this book because of all its illustrations - I love books with pictures/drawings, because honestly, there are times where a drawing or photo makes the instruction SO much clearer.

This is not your grandmother's gardening book. You Grow Girl is a hip, humorous how-to for crafty gals everywhere who are discovering a passion for gardening but lack the know-how to turn their dreams of homegrown tomatoes and fresh-cut flowers into a reality. Gayla Trail, creator of YouGrowGirl.com, provides guidance for both beginning and intermediate gardeners with engaging tips, projects, and recipes -- whether you have access to a small backyard or merely to a fire escape. You Grow Girl eliminates the intimidation factor and reveals how easy and enjoyable it can be to cultivate plants and flowers even when resources and space are limited. Divided into accessible sections like Plan, Plant, and Grow, You Grow Girl takes readers through the entire gardening experience: Preparing soil Nurturing seedlings Fending off critters Reaping the bounty Readyng plants for winter Preparing for the seasons ahead Gayla also includes a wealth of ingenious and creative projects, such as: Transforming your garden's harvest into lush bath and beauty products Converting household junk into canny containers Growing and bagging herbal tea Concocting homemade pest repellents ...and much, much more. Witty, wise, and as practical as it is stylish, You Grow Girl is guaranteed to show you how to get your garden on. All you need is a windowsill and a dream!

From Publishers Weekly While this book's subtitle may be an overstatement--despite the quirky illustrations and chatty style, there isn't much "groundbreaking" advice here--the book itself is a competent guide to getting a little dirt under your fingernails. Trail, a graphic designer, writer, gardener and creator of www.YouGrowGirl.com, believes gardening, like knitting and crocheting, has become cool again. Her advice to young women who want to take up the hobby is "follow your heart." Gardening doesn't have to be intimidating, she says, and her book certainly proves that. In instructional subdivisions such as "Mulch, Love It or Leave It" and "Not Your Grandmother's Gardening Apron," she coaches readers on basic aspects of gardening, keeping her tone light and her advice simple. Chapters detail planting, growing, collecting bounty (like herbs, fruits and vegetables) and preparing a garden for winter. Each project--from assembling devices to keep pests away to instructions for growing potted tomatoes--is marked to show its difficulty level, and Trail is equally attuned to the needs of both city dwellers and those with more space to develop their green thumb. 100 color photos. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Gayla Trail created her acclaimed gardening website, YouGrowGirl.com, in 2000. A graphic designer, writer, photographer, and gardener, she has contributed to BUST and ReadyMade magazines as a gardening guru. She lives in Toronto.