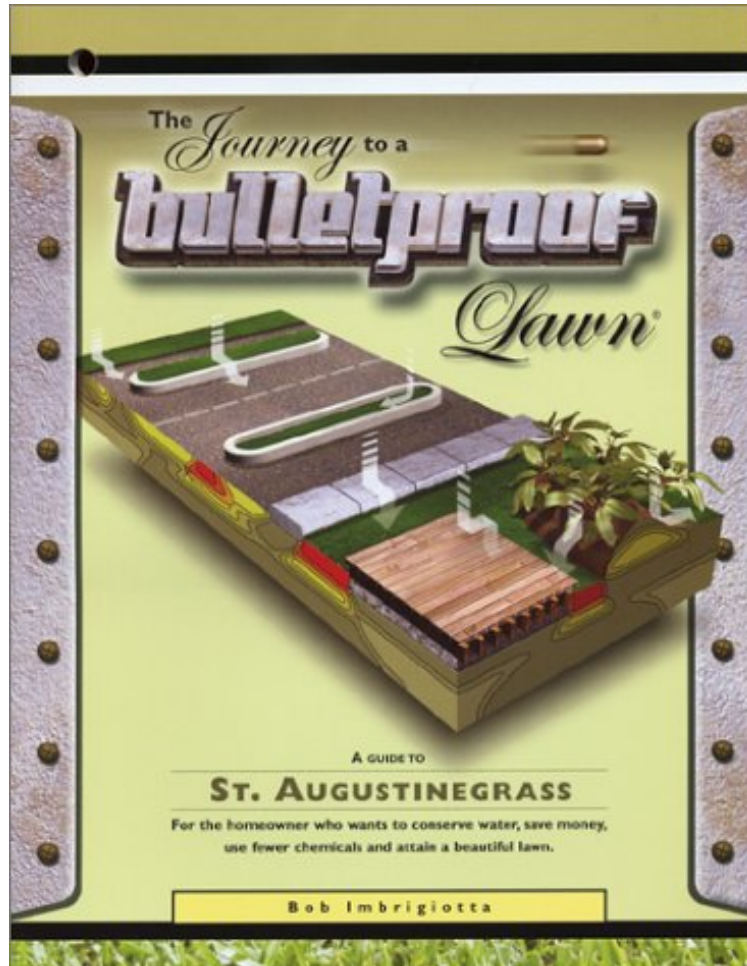


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just What I Was Looking ForBy kayuThis book starts with the premise that one doesn't have to rely on chemicals to solve St.Augustine lawn problems. In fact, to the author, chemicals only address the symptoms and not the cause. Yet the author isn't foaming-at-the-mouth insane about the use of them either. I have a book on organic lawn care, and while it is useful, it isn't specific to St. Augustine grass and the use of chemicals is heresy and it misses some of the practical solutions mentioned in Bulletproof Lawn. Yeah, I want to stay away from herbicides and such but they can have their place in a lawn that is just to far gone to take the "natural" approach only. The use of an herbicide, for example, may get a lawn over the line to where one can use more "organic" methods. That is what I have done.Does this book cover all the options? No, it doesn't. No mention of corn

meal for brown patch. No mention of peat moss for Take-all-patch. No mention of corn gluten as a pre-emergent. But no worries. There is plenty of information on those things online. But there isn't a lot available online about practical, non-chemical measures one can take to have a healthier St Augustine lawn. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Decent book for beginners of lawn care By Hansolo It's a decent book but I would supplement information from internet resources as well. The book has nice info graphics but is pretty basic and lacks detail. Some cultivars of St. Augustine require a higher cut height than some of the dwarf varieties. I felt the grass height recommendations were too general. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lawn revived with less water. By Gregory Excellent book that really motivated me. Don't get me wrong--although at first read it seems overly simple--care of St. Augustine grass is fairly simple with some simple and basic rules--proper drainage, don't overwater, don't over fertilize and mow at the right height. That is what I needed and is missing in most other books--the basic facts and basic solutions. You can't understand chemicals or technical facts if you still think that more water and atrazine (weed feed) is the answer. I didn't believe it but tried and sure enough my lawn is no longer a water junkie and gets by fine on about 8 waterings a year (2 years now) instead of watering every day. Each year I have had fewer weeds too, and expect most of the remaining weeds to lose out to the grass this summer. I raised my mower height and now I have a really thick lawn. I have bought five of these books because I loan them to neighbors and they don't return them. If this were a more complicated approach I could have never understood the basics. I even corresponded with the author and he gave me some very good advice to get a \$50 soil test--now I know what fertilizer to buy.

Unique book devoted to one type of grass--St. Augustine grass yet main themes are universal to all lawns. Readers gain an understanding of 'how grass grows' and will appreciate why golf courses regularly aerate their fairways. Explains technical material with easy to understand text and contains over 50 spectacular color illustrations and photographs. Includes eight case studies (before and after photographs) to help illustrate the practical application of book information. Shows how St. Augustine grass can overtake most common weeds by applying the principles of the book. In the end, a homeowner learns how to cultivate a beautiful lawn that requires less water and is naturally resistant to insects, weeds and disease.

Lively guide is packed with illustrations and suggestions for environmentally friendly lawns -- Georgia Tasker, The Herald, May 19, 2002 (Miami) Readers mystified by science of lawn care, Imbrigiotta gives them the encouragement to solve the turfgrass puzzle and the information -- Harold Bubil, Herald Tribune, June 22, 2002 (Sarasota) Result is a book guided by principles and nature, rather than the normally prescribed regimen of water and chemical treatments. -- Jon Vanzile, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, August 16, 2002 From the Author Bob recognized the potential to create a book focusing on a few critical factors impacting a lawn's health as the book's foundation; sub-surface drainage, grass growth-decay cycle and aeration. Factors that rarely take center stage in a lawn book. The rest of the book builds on the foundation and teaches the homeowner about all common aspects of lawn care from fertilizing, mowing, irrigation to lawn repairs. About the Author Bob Imbrigiotta is a chemical engineer and inventor from the University of Florida. He spent the last 5 years researching St. Augustine grass and developed a book written from the perspective of a homeowner. (originally published in 2001)