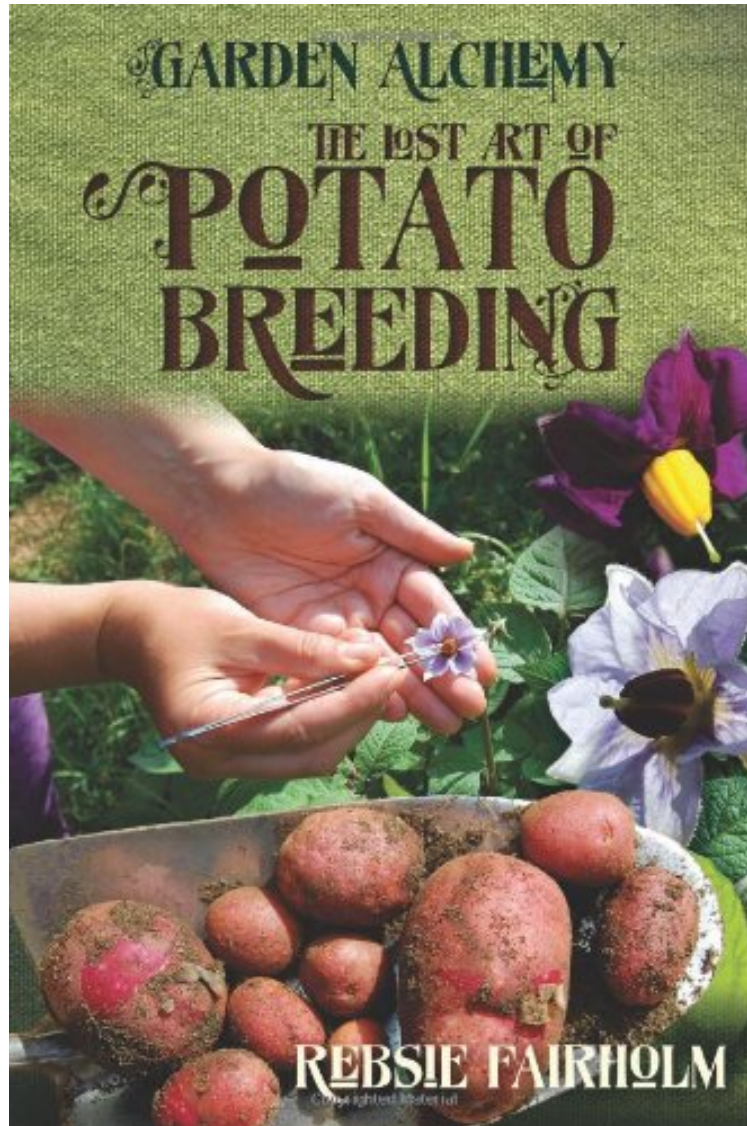


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Once was lost, but now am found By SWI am truly excited to add this book to my personal library. Rebsie Fairholm wrote the book I wish I had written. It was one of greatest pleasures to know that she grew some of the potatoes I have been breeding for the last 61 years. My hope is that this book will excite others to do their own potato breeding experiments. As a life long collector of potato varieties...my efforts were

concentrated on converting the tuber lines into true potato seed (TPS) and anything done by this "Tater Mater" (a cutesy way of saying "Potato Breeder") was done to preserve as much diversity as possible and make it available sustainably as TPS which will stay viable for many years. After making rare kinds of TPS easy to purchase for over 30 years, maybe many enthusiasts will join this rather exclusive club of private potato breeders. Great job, Rebsie! Tom Wagner Everett, WA 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Really great book!! By morningstar I have read it multiple times already as I make my way through the first year of growing true potato seed (TPS). This book helped me to understand the difference between tetraploids and diploids. It clearly describes how to cross-pollinate potato blossoms and harvest TPS. The author shares many personal stories of her own potato breeding experiments which are both interesting and helpful. She explains how and why to keep records of the plants you are growing. Overall, it is a fantastic resource for anyone who wants to grow potatoes from true seeds. I highly recommend this book to all potato gardeners or gardener wannabees!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book By 1sergeant_rock Great book for those interested in growing potato's from TPS (True Potato Seeds)

Ever wondered why supermarket potatoes are so bland and boring? In the Andes, where potatoes originate, there are thousands of varieties with bright colours, beautiful markings, unusual shapes and variations of flavour and cooking quality. In the modern world, industrialised monoculture has reduced all this diversity down to a handful of near identical varieties. However, it's incredibly easy to grow potatoes from seed, and every seed is full of unexplored diversity. Best known for her Daughter of the Soil blog, Rebsie Fairholm gives clear and practical instructions for how to make seeds from potato berries, how to cross different varieties, how to choose which ones to experiment with, and how to keep your newly created varieties growing into the future. She gives examples from her own experiences with all kinds of potatoes, from ordinary garden varieties to historic Scottish heirlooms and rare Andean landraces, and explores the different colour possibilities, from orange flesh to purple flesh. Our ancestors created their own vegetable varieties in their gardens and took it for granted as a completely normal thing to do; and then the commercial age came along and changed our habits, and so it became something of a lost art. This unique book is a small step towards changing that.