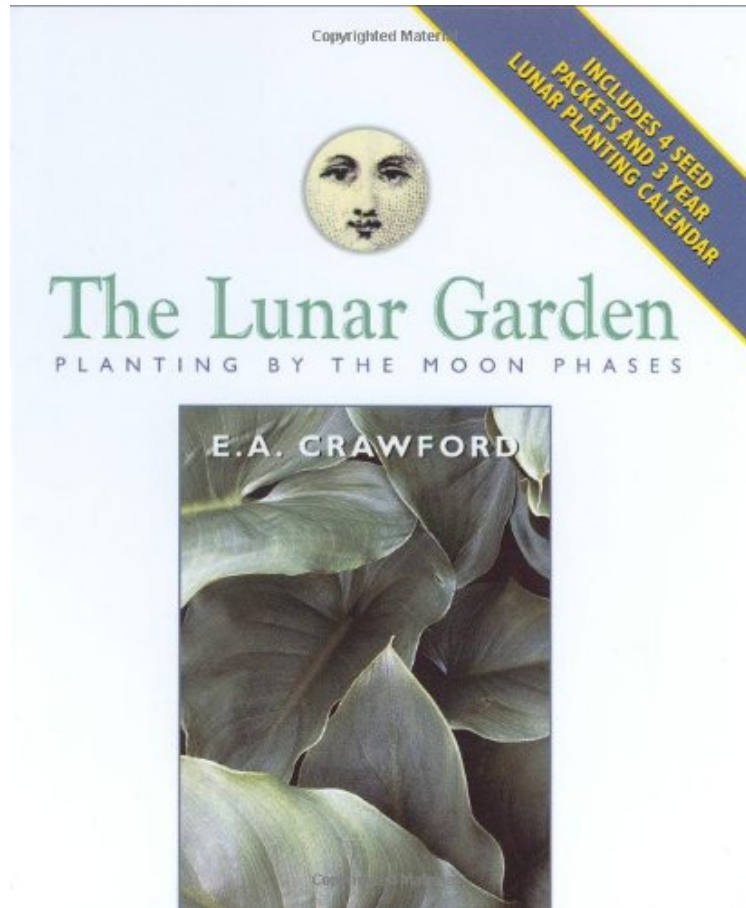


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lunar gardening and living with the Moon. A couple of the other reviewers talk about the outdated calendar. Timeliness is of the essence when gardening with the Moon. There are other concerns as well. It's not clear if it's a typo or a mistake, but a glaring error is saying that Gemini is an earth sign (pg. 52). It's not. It's an air sign. The elements are one of the basics of lunar gardening. You simply have to get that right! The author also isn't clear on whether she uses the constellations (sidereal zodiac) or the signs (tropical zodiac) to plant by. This is another really big deal. They are not the same. The author's preference should be clearly stated. It changes everything by several days. I didn't go back and check the outdated calendars to try to determine which she uses. If you remove the calendars, you're left with about 27 pages (half-pages really) of lunar gardening info. A few other pages are devoted to the seed packet plants included with the new books and some recipes for using the plants. The book is cute in its layout and offers some interesting data and lore, but I suggest books by Louise Riotte if you really want to understand everything about planting with the Moon.

The moon has long been a symbol of fertility. Farmers know that plants are keenly attuned to the basic cycles of the heavens, and, just like the tides and rainfall, respond to changes in the rhythms of the moon. Farmers have practiced the technique of planting and working the soil according to the lunar cycles for centuries. Today, scientific experiments and the new bio-dynamic farmers have verified the ancient theory that plants respond to changes in the moon's magnetic field and that this has a dynamic effect on their growth. In this informative primer on the art of gardening by the moon, easy-to-follow directions include simple charts, a three-year planting table, and a list of commonly grown plants and how they are affected by lunar cycles. Also included are four seed packets containing Nasturtium, Radish, Spinach, and Squash, representing the four essential elements Air, Earth, Water, and Fire. Each plant is discussed with advice on sowing and growing and simple recipes for each. Complete with fascinating history and tips to ensure success, *The Lunar Garden* is a common-sense guide to implementing these ancient horticultural traditions in your own garden whatever the size.

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