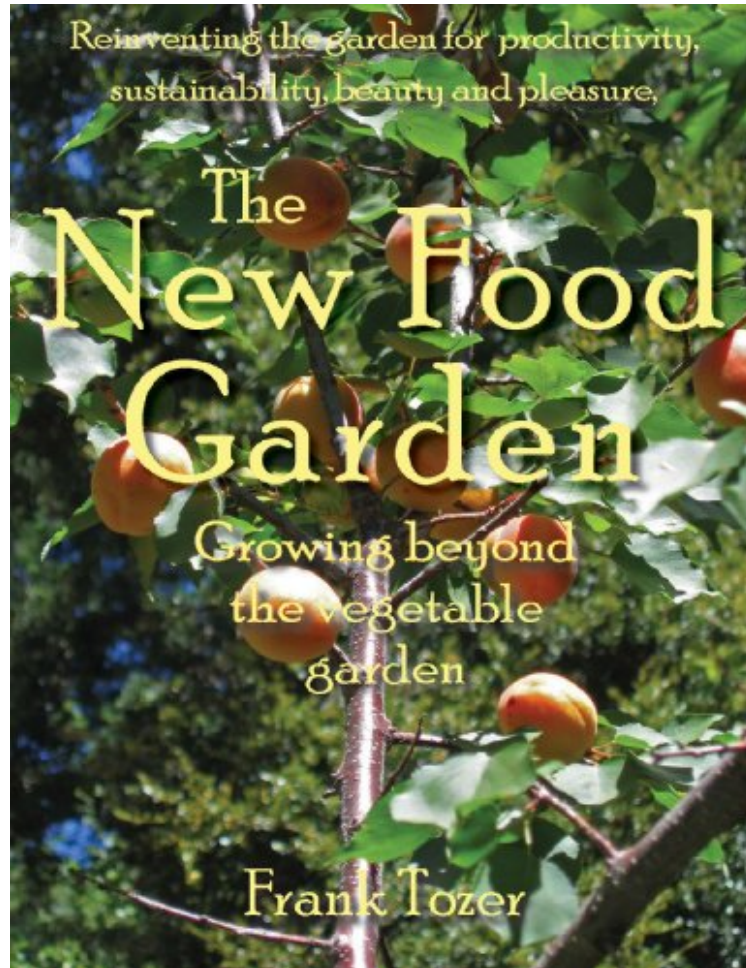


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Frank Tozer : The New Food Garden: Growing Beyond the Vegetable Garden before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Food Garden: Growing Beyond the Vegetable Garden:

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brings them altogether into a single book does make it a potentially useful encyclopedia of great ideas for transforming one's garden. However, I can't help but wish he had gone a step further. At numerous points throughout the book, the author suggests a useful idea for the garden, but instead of giving the reader information about the idea, says that he has very little experience with that particular method or subject, and tells the reader they will need to go elsewhere for more information. This would perhaps be forgivable if Mr. Tozer referred the user to another book or resource, but he does not. I'm sort of baffled that the book contains no bibliography. On top of this, as another reviewer has mentioned, the book contains myriad typos. When books are referenced within the text, the titles are not correctly punctuated to indicate that they are titles, and the books are not properly cited. This combined with the lack of references for more information on topics that are not adequately covered gives the reader an overall impression that not enough attention to detail was applied to the work. It reads like an excellent rough draft, but not a finished product. I hope that Mr. Tozer is able to do another edition with adequate copy editing and the addition of bibliographic references. This could be a truly excellent book with those changes!

This groundbreaking new book expands the concept of food gardening to embrace the whole garden. The new food garden is centered around the intensive vegetable garden, but doesn't stop there. It puts hedges, ponds, pathways, arbors, lawns, roofs, and walls to work as additional growing space for food plants. Fruit and nut trees, bush fruit, edible vines, perennial vegetables, herbs, annual crops, aquatic plants, weeds, and edible wild plants are used to increase the quantity and variety of foods available with little extra work. The author doesn't just look upon the garden as a place to grow food, however; it is a place to be lived in and used, so he also concentrates on making it beautiful, comfortable, and efficient. He describes practical ways in which the garden can help us to reduce our impact on the earth. Included is advice on making the garden pay for itself, or even to provide an income. The author's ultimate aim is to change the way we approach the garden so that it feeds, heals, and nurtures us. The productive garden should be an integral part of the home, and growing food should be a part of everyday life.

About the Author Frank Tozer has been fascinated by gardening, food plants and edible wild plants for as long as he can remember. He grew up in England, but moved to the United States as a young man and travelled extensively before settling down to grow plants, first in Connecticut and then in California and Washington. For a time he was an apprentice at the UCSC Farm and Garden in Santa Cruz, where he learned how to grow vegetables more methodically and abundantly. In many respects his journey closely parallels that of many earlier European settlers in America. He arrived with nothing, travelled overland across the country, settled in the Santa Cruz mountains, built a house (almost singlehandedly), carved a productive garden from the surrounding woods and raised a family. He has had many paying jobs over the years, as a gardener, carpenter, plumber, jeweler, solar installer, general contractor, farmer and writer. Tozer is the author of four books: *The Uses Of Wild Plants*, *The New Food Garden*, *The New Vegetable Growers Handbook* and *The Organic Gardeners Handbook*.