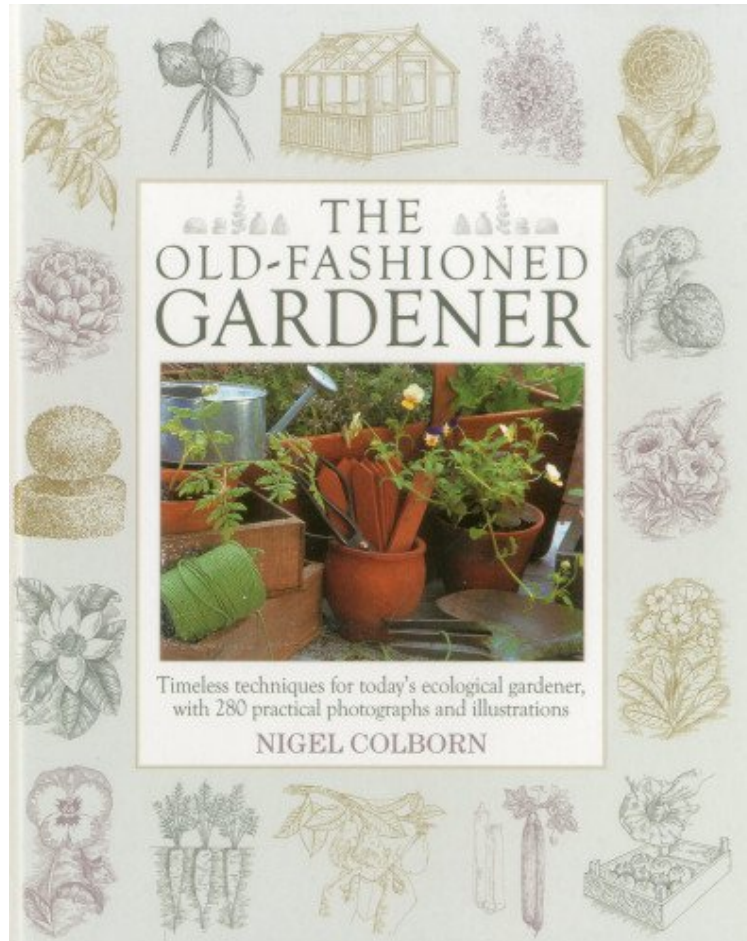


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Discover the joys of gardening using traditional plants and planting methods that have withstood the test of time. Create and maintain a garden filled with hues and scents of old-fashioned plants. This book includes everything from natural horticultural methods of propagation, soil fertilization, care and cultivation, to period garden design and layout. This is an absorbing reference for all those wishing to garden the traditional way.

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