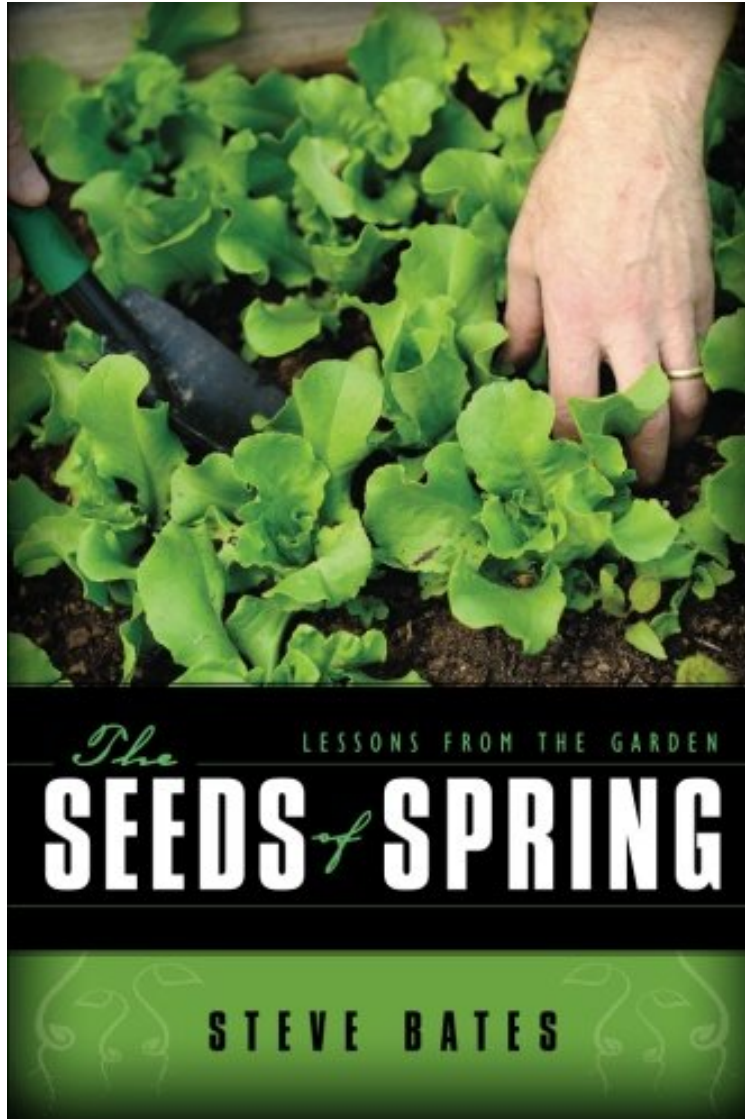


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small community plot in Northern Virginia where Steve had had a garden for a number of years. Although our modest assigned plots were far apart, I was blown away by Steve's skill and love of gardening (and his glorious raised beds and encouraging advice about what works!) even back then. Steve has been garnering his share of media attention lately. NBC News 4 in New York recently flew him to NYC to do a live segment, and it's no surprise why. Steve is a lovely writer who has an impressive knowledge of gardening and a wonderful sense of humor. This book will appeal to so many people - gardeners, aspiring gardeners, and anyone looking for deeper meaning in their life. In short, you cannot read this book and not feel better about life and some of the challenges you might face. I recently ordered this book on and could not put it down. Buy it now, and don't miss Steve's blog at [...]The Seeds of Spring: Lessons from the Garden

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BJ, GAO of 0 people found the following review helpful. Seeds of LifeBy Anne Wingatehttp://www..com/gp/product/1453869352/ref=cm_cr_rev_prod_imgI do not always like gardening books that are more philosophy than how-to, but this book is a shining exception. Except for the horses, I have most of the same problems that Steve Bates has fought and conquered (or at least come to terms with). But this is more than a gardening book. It is a book about the human spirit, and how it can rise above snags and speed bumps, to rejoice in whatever life tosses out. My oldest daughter, who is a well-known book reviewer, forwarded to me the invitation to review this book, because she has no interest in gardening. I at once replied, and the book arrived in the mail within a week. When I realized that its topic was not how-to, it languished in my get-to-it-when-I-can stack for a week, until (as I usually do) I became ashamed of myself because the author had spent the money to get extra copies of the book and to send it to me, and the least I could do was read it. It grabbed me instantly and didn't let go. I was in bed with a migraine and usually in that state I listen to recorded books rather than turn on the light so I can read, but I couldn't put this one down. I even forgot that before I had opened it I was considering barfing, and I forgot to barf and eventually I felt much better. I feel that I know Steve Bates, and that if we met, we would have a lot to discuss with each other. Thank you, Steve, and please let me review any future books you produce. Uhh . . . I will be planting a hundred feet of asparagus this spring. You have made me a little bit nervous about it. Maybe I should tell you the results?

"The Seeds of Spring; Lessons from the Garden" follows the adventures of a suburban resident who takes up gardening on a plot on a horse farm, an event that changes his life in many unexpected ways. Steve plunges into the foreign world of chickens, tractors and predatory wildlife and becomes inspired by John, the quirky owner of the farm who seems to have discovered the secret path to happiness. "The Seeds of Spring" follows the challenges, failures, joys and revelations that Steve experiences as he cultivates vegetables, fruit and flowers in a remarkable setting. The book intertwines practical, "how-to" gardening advice with deep insights as Steve recognizes the richness and simplicity of the outdoor life and the importance of sustainability for individuals and the planet. "The Seeds of Spring" takes the reader beyond the ordinary, revealing the extraordinary in everyday activities amid the all-too-familiar setting of suburban sprawl. Written in the spirit of "Under the Tuscan Sun" and "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek," "The Seeds of Spring" is a must-read for every gardener and every would-be gardener who is looking for a better understanding of the gardening experience or deeper meaning in their life.

About the AuthorSteve Bates is a longtime gardener and journalist. He grew up in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., where he still lives. Steve received a scholarship from the Virginia chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists, and he received a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary. He has won numerous awards for his writing and editing for newspapers, magazines and the Internet. He spent 14 years as a reporter and editor at The Washington Post. This is Steve's first book, inspired by his love of gardening and writing. He also enjoys baseball, travel and photography. Follow him on www.theseedsofpring.com.