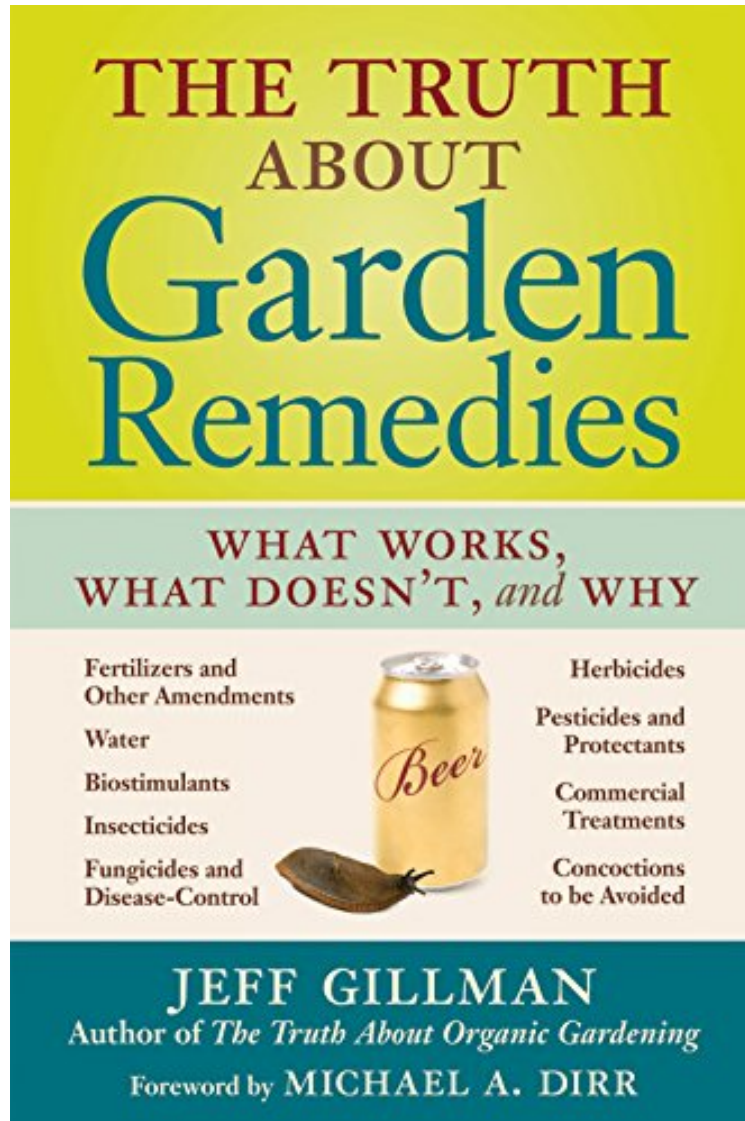


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Jeff Gillman : The Truth About Garden Remedies: What Works, What Doesn't, and Why before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Truth About Garden Remedies: What Works, What Doesn't, and Why:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Shining a Welcome Light on Gardening Lore By A. Silverstone Jeff Gilman, professor of Horticultural Science, meticulously examines and then often excoriates the old wives' tales of

gardening. In this highly informative book, he looks through years of folk remedies for your gardening ills, weighs the evidence in favor or against, and then delivers a summary judgment that lets the reader know what will work and what is a waste of time. Gilman looks at fertilizers, water use aids, biostimulants, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, deer repellents and more. For each treatment, say 'Beer as a fertilizer' (which would strike one as a waste of fine brew), he describes the treatment, how it is used, the theory behind it, what is really happening in the garden, often citing his own or other's research, and then it gets a rating of 1 to 5 flowers in the "What it means to you" summary. Spoiler alert - beer is not a very good fertilizer. As Gilman systematically works his way through each remedy, some come out very positive (Mulch is very helpful for weed control), many middling (baking soda can control some plant diseases), and many more either a waste of time or even harmful (hydrogen peroxide is not a good fungicide and sponges won't help your potted plant go longer between waterings). This is a very useful book for anyone who wants to cut through the misinformation and find the best ways to manage your garden and control pests. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Self-proclaimed experts, LOOK OUT! Here is the real thing!! By Dr. John T. Webb Unlike some garden books, this is truly a treasure trove of information, with explanation(s) why some things really work, why some are iffy, and some are worthless wastes of time. With his other two books, it is worth hundreds of so-called "Garden wisdom" that just does not work! This book, and its companions, DO WORK!! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good science that debunks common household myths By Marlene As an avid gardener and budding horticulturist, I bristle when I hear so-called experts bandy about certain home remedies. Things such as pouring salt on the dirt to get rid of snails (this creates salty soil, and many plants can't tolerate it!), or pouring vinegar on weeds. Often, the correct amount of a remedy isn't given, so you have no idea if it's too much or not enough. This book is written by a real horticultural scientist who has tested every remedy given. Some things are really good, and are proven to work. He examines many substances and says whether or not they are worthwhile to use. Why pour money (and your time) down the drain? I consider this one of my go-to books for the garden.

Can beer make plants grow? How about buttermilk? Or music classical or rock? Are you sure about planting trees in deep holes? And how about chasing insects with hot sauce and stopping slugs with eggshells? Whether in ancient books, on television, or in gardening publications, remedies for all your garden woes are here for the taking: the challenge is to know what will work and what won't. Fearlessly conducting original experiments and harvesting wisdom from the scientific literature, horticulturist Jeff Gillman assesses new and historic advice and reveals the how and why and sometimes the why not for more than 100 common and uncommon gardening practices. The results will surprise even experienced gardeners.

From Publishers Weekly With graduate degrees in entomology and horticulture, Gillman brings scientific rigor to the topic of commercial, homemade and "traditional" garden remedies. Eschewing the received knowledge of "garden gurus" albeit admitting that he is one he exhorts readers to "[s]earch for the why behind everything you do for your plants." His concise review of factors affecting plant growth and development provides the backdrop for chapters that evaluate fertilizers, soil and media amendments, water, biostimulants, pesticides, protectants and other remedies. Within each category, Gillman describes the practice, explains the theory behind it, reveals the truth and describes what all that means to the home gardener. His findings about methods involving such materials as buttermilk, coffee grounds, humic acid, hellebore, silicon and salt are based on scientific literature, which is cited throughout, as well as many original experiments. Never didactic or preachy, Gillman takes pleasure in testing techniques for treating plants and urges readers to "[d]ivide off a section of plants in your garden just for experimenting and have fun with them." Gillman teaches gardeners to think about what they do, know why they're doing it and observe the results, trusting their knowledge and experience over claims made by companies, "experts" or garden folklorists. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Gillman teaches gardeners to think about what they do, know why they're doing it, and observe the results, trusting their knowledge and experience over claims made by companies, 'experts' or garden folklorists." Publishers Weekly (Publishers Weekly) "The results are fascinating and occasionally disappointing. . . . The Truth About Garden Remedies is a book many of us will want to consult frequently." The American Gardener (American Gardener) "Whenever I hear someone offer a solution to a garden problem, I immediately check [The Truth About Garden Remedies] to see if it will work." Horticulture (Horticulture) "While entertainingly relating his experiments and his research, Gillman also packs in a wealth of useful information." The Chicago Tribune (Chicago Tribune) Although Gillman writes that gardening gurus are necessary to dole out knowledge of plants and the traditions that surround growing them, he also winces at all the superstition and half-truths flying around, hence, this terrific book. Biology Digest 20060501 With graduate degrees in entomology and horticulture, Gillman brings scientific rigor to the topic of commercial, homemade and 'traditional' garden remedies. . . . Never didactic or preachy, Gillman takes pleasure in testing techniques for treating plants and urges readers to 'divide off a section of plants in your garden just for experimenting and have fun with them.' Gillman teaches gardeners to think about what they do, know why they're doing it, and observe the results, trusting their knowledge and experience over claims made by companies, 'experts' or garden folklorists. Publishers Weekly 20060301 We found it highly

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expert and has a product to sell. Gillman, a professor at the University of Minnesota, has done extensive testing and research on gardening products and practices. -- Jack Kerrigan Cleveland Plain Dealer 20061228 "[A] book that shoots down many fabled solutions that are really a waste of time." (Garden Compass) Both these books [The Truth About Organic Gardening and The Truth About Garden Remedies] are refreshing, lucid and enlightening. Their spare style, with no illustrations, and concentration on facts rather than inspiration even gives them an old-fashioned charm. (BBC Gardens Illustrated) Wondering how best to keep your garden healthy? Let Jeff Gillman do the research, so you don't waste time and money trying to add nutrients to the soil, keeping slugs and deer away, or protecting your roses from powdery mildew and black spot. (Tri-City Herald) "Gillman's goal is to get gardeners to think to make sure there is a reason behind everything they do for their plants." (Redding Record Searchlight) "The Truth About Garden Remedies is a great read, with humor, pearls of wisdom, common sense, and garden lore intertwined. . . . Enjoy one of the best gardening tours ever assembled on paper." Michael A. Dirr, author of Viburnums and Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs