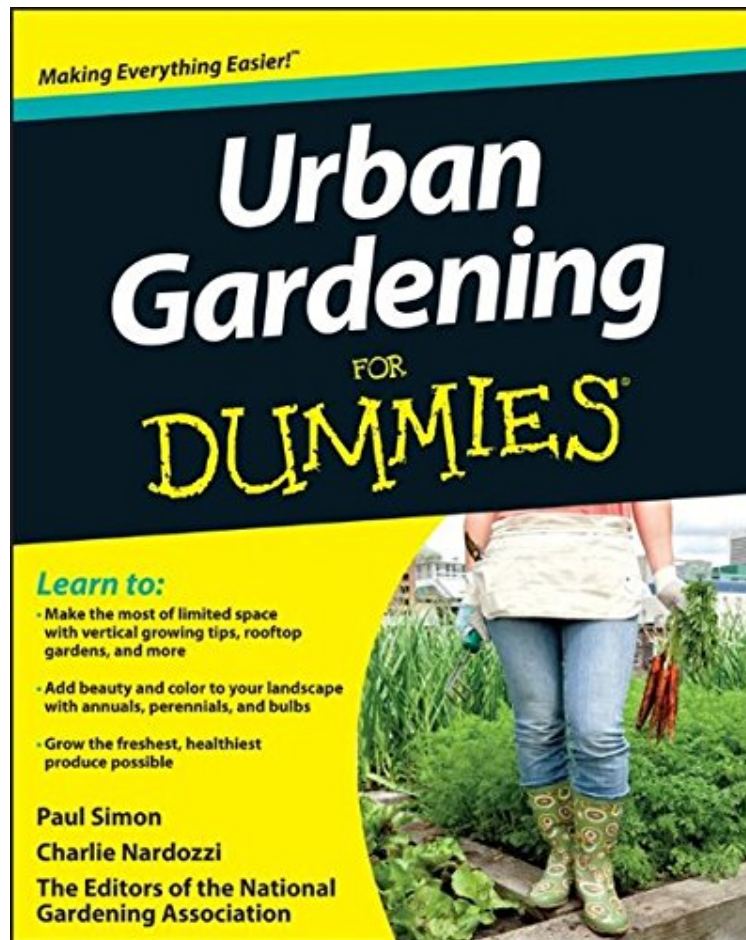


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The National Gardening Association : Urban Gardening For Dummies before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Urban Gardening For Dummies:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Overall A good BookBy Jane SmithWhat I hoped for, I'm not sure-- but this does cover the basics of apartment or city gardening. Very easy to understand and a wealth of information for any beginner or novice.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. re iteration of other material in one spotBy Bernard Bukowskithought i might get additional hints but is really the same stuff already published. if first time and never gardened before, it would probably be good.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good on ideas for brainstorming, short on specifics for actually doing it.By Joe MacBuIf you're considering starting an urban garden, this book will give you the information on how to get started and what to expect. I was surprised by the breadth of topics covered, including sections on rooftop gardens, urban microclimates and environmental impact. It'll help you get ideas for what you can do your your space. However, once you've decided on the design, you'll need another resource to help you decide what to actually plant and how to take care of those plants. While the book mentions some crops that

do well in urban settings, there's not much information on what type of soil is suitable for each plant, nor their specific nutrient needs, harvest procedures, etc. A good book to fill that void would be McGee Stuckey's *Bountiful Container: Create Container Gardens of Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, and Edible Flowers*; while it is tailored to growing in pots, it has detailed information on nutrient requirements, fighting pests, and harvesting.

The easy way to succeed at urban gardening A townhouse yard, a balcony, a fire escape, a south-facing window even a basement apartment can all be suitable locations to grow enough food to save a considerable amount of money and enjoy the freshest, healthiest produce possible. *Urban Gardening For Dummies* helps you make the most of limited space through the use of proven small-space gardening techniques that allow gardeners to maximize yield while minimizing space. Covers square-foot gardening and vertical and layered gardening Includes guidance on working with container gardening, succession gardening, and companion gardening Offers guidance on pest management, irrigation and rain barrels, and small-space composting If you're interested in starting an urban garden that makes maximum use of minimal space, *Urban Gardening For Dummies* has you covered.

From the Back Cover Learn to: Make the most of limited space with vertical growing tips, rooftop gardens, and more Add beauty and color to your landscape with annuals, perennials, and bulbs Grow the freshest, healthiest produce possible The easy way to succeed at urban gardening A townhouse yard, a balcony, a south-facing window even a small inner-city apartment can be a suitable location to grow some yummy edibles, develop a colorful flower garden, or create an outdoor room. *Urban Gardening For Dummies* helps you make the most of what you have through the use of proven small-space gardening techniques that allow gardeners to maximize their use of urban spaces. *Urban Gardening 101* get an overview of urban gardening, including soil preparation, planting, choosing urban-friendly plants (including edibles), and plant placement Dig in discover everything you need to know about soil, from analyzing soil types and understanding soil pH to how you can build good soil with manure, organic fertilizers, and compost Get a green thumb find the lowdown on the urban microclimate, local weather patterns, and how you can actually influence weather conditions at micro-levels to benefit the health of your urban garden Oh, the places you'll grow get creative with container gardening and find funky and functional ways to garden on building rooftops, balconies, and with vertical growing strategies Open the book and find: The many benefits of urban gardening Tips on planting annual plants and veggies, trees and shrubs, and perennial flowers The 4-1-1 on community gardening and urban farming How to create an outdoor room The scoop on using fertilizers Techniques for container and vertical gardening Composting tips and soil growing Tricks for keeping weeds and pests at bay About the Author Paul Simon is a nationally recognized landscape architect, public artist, horticulturist, master gardener, and urban designer. Charlie Nardozzi is a nationally recognized garden writer, speaker, and radio and television personality.