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This is the only single-volume guide to vegetables any gardener could need. Illustrated throughout with color photographs that show the different kinds of each vegetable and how they look in situ, the book documents more than 650 types of vegetable, mainly those that can be grown in North America and northern Europe, but includes popular Asian specialties. Each is accompanied by descriptions of the vegetable's history and its cultivational needs. Though not mainly a source of gardener's tips, the book offers simple instructions to the grower, as well as fodder for anyone curious to know more about the first European sighting of potatoes (1537) or the multitudes of possible potatoes ("Duke of York"; "Epicure"; "Mona Lisa").

From Publishers Weekly If a gardener needs a single visual guide to the vegetable kingdom, this may be the one. Generously illustrated with color photographs that regard both the larger landscape and the root tendrils on a turnip with a serious eye, the book documents more than 650 types of vegetable, mainly those that can be grown in North America and northern Europe, but also takes stock of Asian specialties currently in demand. Search out parsnips, for example, and you'll find the pale, soggy-looking specimens of five different kinds lined up, as if for mug shots; a glimpse of parsnips au naturel --in the ground, not the studio--is also on hand, as is a brief note on the parsnip's history and its cultivational needs. Extensive, equally explicit spreads on more popular vegetables abound, whether the culprit is spinach or the humble broad bean (shown both with pods zipped shut and split open, seeds intact inside). Though not mainly a source of gardener's tips, the book offers simple instructions to the grower, as well as fodder for anyone curious to know more about the first European sighting of potatoes (1537) or the multitudes of possible potatoes ("Duke of York"; "Epicure"; "Mona Lisa"). Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Ideal for plant identification and selection, this terrific series features immaculate photography (one picture for virtually every entry) and clear, concise text that discusses the physical attributes, native area, and hardiness of each plant. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist This large-size paperback, with more than 1,000 photographs, is the sixth volume in the Random House Garden series. It provides descriptions of vegetable families, the history of vegetables, and advice on cultivation, fertilization, and pest control. There are the common vegetables here, plus some very exotic ones--sacred lotus, mizuna, rocket, houttuynia, good King Henry, glasswort, Madeira vine, udo, celtuce, and taro, to name a few. Truly encyclopedic coverage worldwide, without which no vegetable gardener should be. George Cohen