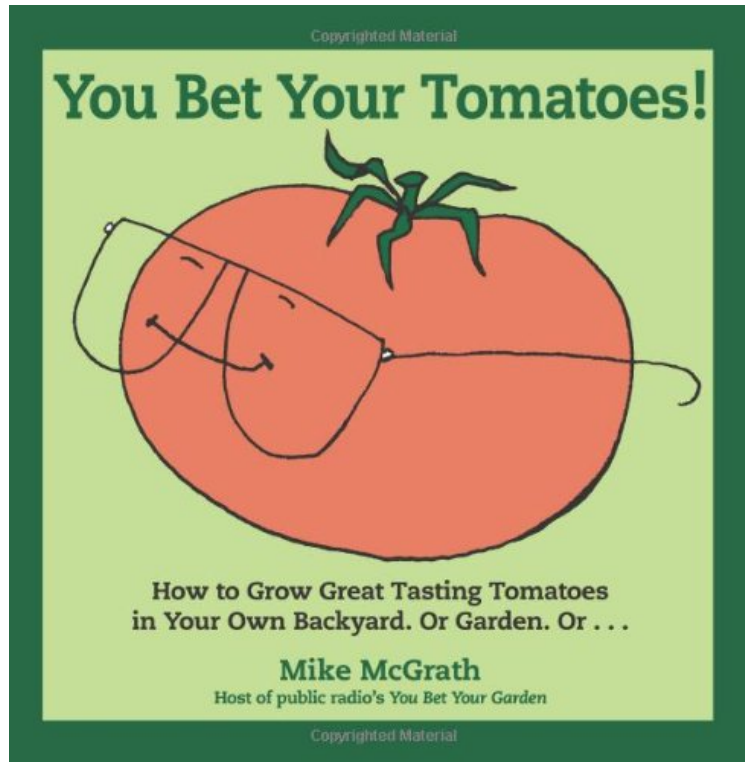



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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised You Bet Your Tomatoes: Fun Facts, Tall Tales, and a Handful of Useful Gardening Tips:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. the Realm of Existentialism By Katharena M. Eiermann You Bet Your Tomatoes! by Mike McGrath is the only how-to grow-tons-of-quality-tomatoes one will ever need. It is the only 'mater book I have and my 'maters are the envy of the neighborhood -- Not bad, since I've only been gardening for a couple of years, as a hobby. McGrath starts off with a basic question: Why am I Doing This Instead of Enjoying my Summer??? then proceeds to give the reader plenty of logical reasons like "Tomatoes are easier to grow than watermelons..." and "Most other summer endeavors have a much higher risk of death and/or dismemberment." Yes, the god of all-things-humorous seems to reign in this book! Chapter 1 -- Picking Your Tomatoes (Do all these things have funny, rude, or mysterious names?) this chapter contains the names of all the top tomatoes, Determinate or Indeterminate, Hybrid or Open-Pollinated, Days to Maturity, Comments. A must-have reference! Chapter 2 -- The Joy of Germination (Or, Killing your own tomatoes from seed) Chapter 3 - The Art of Tomato Planting (You want me to BURY them? You MONSTER!!) Chapter 4 - Staking and Caging (No, not "or," "AND!" Got it?! "Staking AND Caging"!!!) The little drawings of all the 'mater-babies are absolutely precious! My favorite is the 'mater-baby sitting in a stroller with a pacifier in its mouth. Chapter 5 - Food, Water and Basic Keeping-Alive Skills (Ooops---you mean I

shouldn't have watered them each and every day?)Chapter 6 - Pest Control... (Am I the only creature around here NOT eating my tomatoes???)Chapter 7 - Dealing with Disease (Can't we just take them to the hospital?)Did I mention all that neighbor-envy you are going to bask in -- growing those big, beautiful 'maters. Better than sunshine, to be sure. :) --Katharena Eiermann, 2005, the Realm of Existentialism -- Presidential Hopeful0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What Did I Expect?By DCPayneI love Mike McGrath's public radio show, so I guess I shouldn't have been shocked that his book is written EXACTLY in his voice - from abrupt changes in font sizes to Jersey-fied spelling of words, the book reads like something he dictated and captures his quirky style. More pamphlet than reference guide, you'll find some good advice and helpful reminders in here, but since the book's composition is rather stream-of-consciousness, arm yourself with page flags if you ever want to refer to those gems again. All in all, I'm glad to have this on the bookshelf, but I wouldn't rely on it for an education in tomato growing.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "You Bet Your Tomatoes" was rather over the top but still had some useful information.By Sandy WI am a longtime fan of Mike McGrath, back when he was with Organic Gardening magazine. Nowadays he contributes to the quarterly gardening magazine, Green Prints, and I always look forward to his stories. The book, "You Bet Your Tomatoes" was rather over the top but still had some useful information.

From backyards to terraces, *You Bet Your Tomatoes* is a guide to growing heirloom tomatoes. From a radio host and master gardener, this deliciously funny little book is also a serious guide on how to start and nurture an heirloom tomato patch.Host of the weekly nationally syndicated radio show *You Bet Your Garden* and widely published columnist Mike McGrath has a base of fans who appreciate both his humor and knowledge. Previously editor of *Organic Gardening* magazine, he has also been a gardening commentator on the *The Today Show*.

From the Publisher"What great tomato-growing ideas! I've been 'container gardening' in my Big Boys in old abandoned refrigerators in the front yard for years now, but next season, I'll take Mike's advice and trellis them up the side of our double-wide!" --Martha Stewart, Martha Stewart's Lying Mike McGrath's growing legion of fans loves his trademark wit -- evidenced on his nationally syndicated National Public Radio program "You Bet Your Garden" and in his monthly *Organic Gardening* column. In *You Bet Your Tomatoes*, McGrath doesn't disappoint, delivering both sound advice and plenty of laughs to help gardeners beat the heat and have a great tomato harvest. Tomatoes are the most popular home garden vegetable crop. Based on McGrath's personal adventures in tomato-growing, *You Bet Your Tomatoes* guides would-be gardeners through choosing, planting, growing, and harvesting homegrown tomatoes of many varieties. Along the way, he weaves in fascinating tomato lore and tips. McGrath also explains why readers should grow their own tomatoes in the first place: You just can't beat the taste. Mike McGrath is editor-at-large for *Organic Gardening* and is the former editor-in-chief. He writes a monthly column, "Mike McGrath's Tall Tales," and answers questions on the magazine's website. McGrath's "You Bet Your Garden" airs weekly on National Public Radio. He has made frequent guest appearances on NBC's *Weekend Today* and NPR's "All Things Considered".From the Back Cover*You Bet Your Tomatoes!*"What great tomato-growing ideas! I've been 'container gardening' my Big Boys in old abandoned refrigerators in the front yard for years now, but next season, I'll take Mike's advice and trellis them up the side of our double-wide!"--Martha Stewart, Martha Stewart's Lying"Did I write this book? So many of the jokes just seem so...familiar."--Garrison Keelover, *A Prairie Home Tomato*"Aren't these things poisonous to eat?"--Thomas Jefferson, farmer and framer"Forget basketball! I'm retiring again to grow heirloom tomatoes! Now, what kind of shoes am I gonna need . . . ?"--Michael Jardin, tall guy"This is just the kind of 'hidden message' book I expect from you left-leaning, liberal-compost-applying, communal gardening, card-carrying organic types! Well, you don't fool me one bit-- enticing the youth of America to experiment with PINK tomatoes! RED fruits! Arkansas TRAVELER-- or is that Arkansas FELLOW TRAVELERS??? I'm sticking with my red, white, and blue potatoes!"--Rush ToJudgement, *The Rush ToJudgement Show*About the AuthorHost of the weekly nationally syndicated Public Radio show *You Bet Your Garden* and widely published columnist, Mike McGrath has a base of fans who appreciate both his humor and knowledge. Previously editor of *Organic Gardening* magazine, he has been a gardening commentator on the *Today Show*.