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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great source of information about seedsBy Donna Raquel"Seeds, The Definitive Guide to Growing, History Lore" contains great information for the gardener about seeds - what a seed is, its anatomy, different types of seed, the history of seed, pollination, disperal, longevity - need I go on? It's obvious that Loewer has covered all the basics (and not-so basics), educating his readers about seeds. What I particularly like about this book is how Loewer disperses the history and lore of seeds throughout his book. Makes for an interesting and educating read. Although the book is not written specific to any certain specific type of seed, it goes into great detail about seeds in general. Using his information (esp in the chapter titled 'Soil Mixes, Equipment, and Planting Out), one should have no problems starting any type of plant from seed. A seed is a seed, afterall. Yes, some seeds require mechanical treatments for germination. I recommend to the grower that when planting a certain type of seed, go to the internet and research to see if that seed requires any mechanical treatment. Most seeds do not.A few of my favorite topics Loewer writes about in his book are the chemistry of seeds, seed heredity, the buying and selling of seeds, and the history and lore of storing and saving seeds. Also included in the book is an excellent listing of seed sources, including detailed information about the company (or source).I highly recommend this book as an addition to your gardening library. Other good sources for growing seeds are: "Seed to Seed" by Suzanne Ashworth, 'Seed

Sowing and Saving' by Turner, and 'Saving Seed' by Rogers. 7 of 12 people found the following review helpful. not what I expected By Twan from Holland In the editorial review it says "he provides detailed advice on buying, storing and germinating, sterilizing soil, indoor to outdoor transplanting---even building cold frames. In the book on page 204 it says "a cold frame---- consist of a small garden area that is roofed over with glass----"That's it. The detailed advice. I thumbed through the book, and I have not found any plant mentioned with how en when to sow. This book has nothing to do with growing anything from seed. The book was a disappointment for me. Mailing it back to the USA was too expensive, so I'll have to keep it. 3 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Seeds Over All By Peter Loewer Shoppers: Rather than let the biased and ignorant review by Twan stand alone, as the author of this acclaimed book, I thought it necessary to point out that her criticisms are based on what the publisher wrote and a blurb that authors have little of no control over--it's all bombastic tripe. As a reader of books for sixty years, I know that you can judge a book by its cover and "Seeds" is no exception.

Loewer examines the vast and often surprisingly complex world of seeds in an unparalleled thoroughness. In addition to the how-to of growing all kinds of plants and vegetables from seed, the book also considers the role of seeds in history, literature, and business. 100 line drawings.

An informative, easy to read, and entertaining book covering many topics relating to plant seeds. Lee Luckeydoo, Sida, Contributions to Botany, September 2005 (Contributions to Botany) It is science made simple but not simplistic detailed, delightful and never dull. Lili Singer, Los Angeles Times, March 24, 2005 (Los Angeles Times) Will interest anyone interested in the life of plants and the planet ... Eminently readable ... provides refreshing reading to a devoted gardener during the quiet winter months when there is little work to be done outdoors. Dorothea Bedigian, Plant Science Bulletin, Spring 2005 (Plant Science Bulletin) From the Author Peter Loewer is the contributing editor to Carolina Gardener magazine. About the Author Peter Loewer is a longstanding writer of (and botanical artist for) many gardening and natural history books, including The Evening Garden and Jefferson's Garden. His book The Wild Gardener was chosen as one of the best 75 gardening books of the 20th century by the American Horticultural Society. He is the contributing editor to Carolina Gardener magazine and a popular speaker.