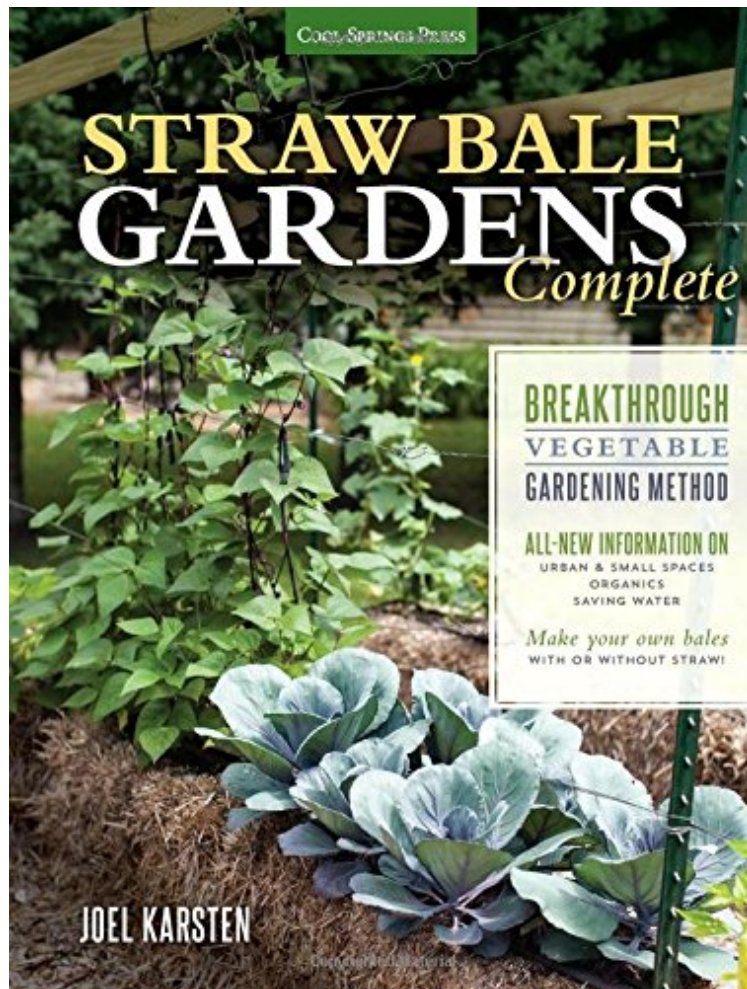


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Joel Karsten : Straw Bale Gardens Complete before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Straw Bale Gardens Complete:

308 of 310 people found the following review helpful. Results Beyond My Highest Expectations! By Larry L. Kistler
The reviews here seem to be mostly "plan to, want to, expect to". I'll make this short and sweet... I put in two bales this year as a trial and the results were not good... there were incredibly good!!! I put in four tomatoes, three peppers, a zucchini, and a lemon cucumber on two bales, consciously trying to stress the concept to see what it would deliver. I will never garden any other way! The plants all grew rapidly and have been exuberantly productive. In addition, for the first time in 25 years living in this location (San Francisco Peninsula), I have not had to fight the slugs and snails! One tried to climb the bale but gave up. What a relief to be freed of that struggle. We're waiting for the huge crop of tomatoes to ripen while we harvest zucchini, cucumbers, and peppers. I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Karsten's book!
157 of 159 people found the following review helpful. 30 years of gardening and now making

changesBy R. BurkeThis book has revolutionized how I garden. I have a 40x14 foot greenhouse and extensive outdoor gardens. However, I live high in the Rocky Mountains and my soil is nothing more than crushed shale. It costs me an arm and a leg to haul in compost every year and since my property is all pasture I don't have the luxury of leaves for massive amounts of compost. I started using straw bales for part of my garden last summer and I was stunned. It was the best garden I've ever had here. And at the end of the season we moved the wet, partially composted bales to the flower gardens and let them compost over the winter. Because the inside of the bales is warm from all the compost I was able to start plants a full 30 days before the normal season, with the help of a frost blanket on cold nights. I've brought in all straw bales for this summer and have already planted my spring crop in the greenhouse. This summer I'm adding Azomite dust and fungus to the bales, along with red earth worms. I think I'll end up planting half of my gardens in straw bales each year. Then use the leftover, partially composted bales to enrich my poor soil so I'll be gardening half in amended soil and half in bales each year. It's less expensive than hauling in compost and MANY FEWER weeds!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Can't wait to try this!By MoondancerI really liked this book. All my previous efforts at trying to have a garden didn't really work out. So this is new and seems different. Although, not to say gardening isn't a lot of work and can be expensive, once you have everything you need, you're good to go. So, the bales I bought at the feed store were cheaper than what was offered online. I still need to buy other supplies mentioned in this book. I'm getting a late start, but living in the West, I have lots of sunshine ahead. Planning also for late summer and early fall planting. I will do another review in the future about whether this method of gardening works better or not.

"Are you ready to learn about a transformative garden technology that could change your life - for less than \$100?" - New York TimesTake your straw bale gardening to the next level - in more places, with new products, and even, sometimes, skipping the straw!The reception and enthusiasm for straw bale gardening, introduced in 2013, has proved revolutionary in vegetable growing. Why? Because the bold promises in the book are kept: grow vegetables anywhere, earlier in the year, with no weeding. Gardeners everywhere are excited. Straw bale gardening works! In just the short amount of time that has passed, the gardening world and Joel Karsten himself have learned even more about how to apply this method in just about any environment: on a city balcony, in a rocky outpost, in a desert, and even in the tundra of Alaska.Straw Bale Gardens Complete contains all of the original information that has set the gardening world on fire. But it also goes much deeper, with nearly 50 pages of all-new advice and photos on subjects such as growing in a tight urban setting, making your straw bale garden completely organic, and using new fertilizers and conditioning products. There is even information on using straw bale techniques to grow veggies in other organic media for anyone who has a hard time finding straw.Fans of Straw Bale Gardens will not want to miss adding Straw Bale Gardens Complete to their gardening library. There is, literally, nothing else like it!

"Straw Bale Gardening (SBG) is a revolutionary gardening method which Joel has enthusiastically perfected and trialled over the last 15 years; his passion for the subject, as well as the many benefits of gardening using this technique are truly inspiring and exciting to read."