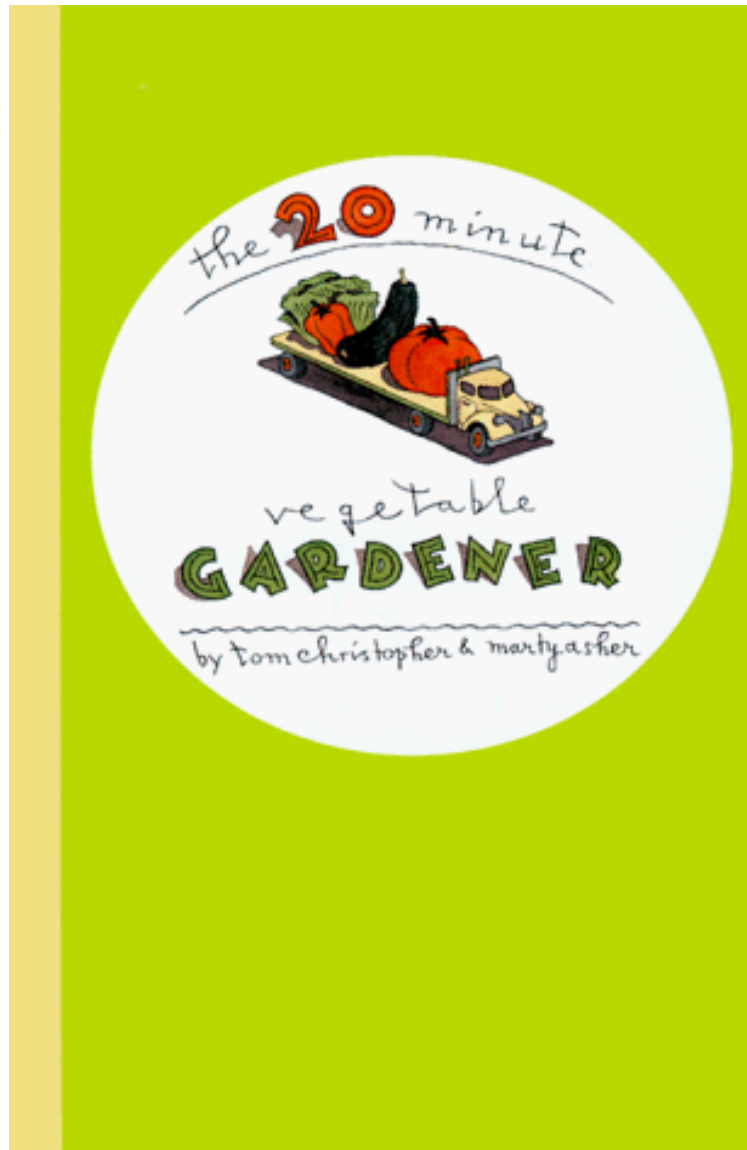


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of my favorite gardening books. Well and amusingly written. I have given it many times as a gift and have at least two copies kicking around my house. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very useful info and very entertaining! By butterfly I bought this book because it was a bargain, but ended up loving it! I laughed several times while reading it, however learned so much about vegetable gardening. There are so many great tips for every gardener in this book. I can't wait to put what I've learned to use. 19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Great book! More funny, less time consuming. By dawsonl@aol.com As I was reading this on a flight I kept laughing so much that the lady next me finally asked what the book was about. When I told it was about vegetables she gave me a strange look and didn't ask me anything else. If you are like me and have a desire to grow a garden but don't have lots for time, then this is the book to get. Lots of practical advice for quick ways to grow tasty foods. If you want to grow a garden and you want your advice seasoned with humor, then this is the book to get.

Everyone loves garden-fresh vegetables, but who has the time or energy to grow their own? You do--if you adopt Tom and Marty's tried-and-true schemes and tricks for 20-minute vegetable gardening. They'll help you create from scratch a ready-to-plant garden in less than two hours, and then help you choose the easiest, most rewarding plants for your region and your tastes. You'll learn tips for winning the neighborhood tomato contest and how to turn a stack of old tires into an heirloom potato patch. Discover the perennial vegetables you plant once and harvest for years, and claim as your own the recipes for Brighton Beach borscht, Japanese radish pickle, and sweet-potato pie. Encouraging, practical, and always unexpected, *The 20-Minute Vegetable Gardener* means liberation for home growers everywhere.

.com Mutt and Jeff, Bert and Ernie, Click and Clack, and now, for the would-be kitchen gardener, Tom and Marty! If dumbed-down straight guy/funny man humor tickles your fancy, you are sure to love Tom and Marty's *The 20-Minute Vegetable Gardener*. There are 10 or so basic principles for 20-minute vegetable gardening. They range from "grow high impact crops such as hot peppers or asparagus" to "choose crops according to local conditions," and from "nurture soil" to "learn how to water." There are chapters on bean sprouts, salad greens, cabbage-family plants, root crops, herbs, and tomatoes. Each chapter begins along lines like these: "Having finished the installation of his garden bed, Marty was hot to start planting. He was dreaming, he said, of the most extraordinary salads. That made Tom anxious. Marty always makes Tom anxious, but in this case, Tom had reason." Punch line: it was too late in spring to plant salad greens, according to Tom. This leads to brief discussions of how to plan a planting calendar, how to select seedlings at a nursery, how to care for seed, and several good salad crops. The chapter discussion is followed by "20-Minute Projects," such as planting lettuces in a decorative way, and, in the case of chapter 4, "The Salad Course," planting salad fixings in window boxes. A novice gardener would have to slog through the entire book to have any sense of what to do. There is nothing unique or particularly noteworthy in the text; nothing that isn't available elsewhere in a more straightforward, more easily accessible package. But then, with *The 20-Minute Vegetable Gardener*, the package is the whole shtick. --Schuyler Ingle
From Publishers Weekly
A humorous book about vegetable gardening would seem to be an oxymoron, but the zany wit in this book will appeal to both doers and dreamers in the gardening world. Continuing the friendly rivalry and practical philosophy of *The 20-Minute Gardener*, Christopher and Asher (dubbed the "Click and Clack" of gardening) embark on a path of easy vegetable production. They intersperse a wealth of practical advice with a friendly narrative peppered with comments about neighbors, family and each other's foibles. A 10-point advice guide sets the tone of the book: for example, the authors wisely put forth that any vegetable grown by a 20-minute-a-day gardener is only valuable if it offers a significant improvement over the store-bought alternative, and they point out that they don't weed: "only the hyperactive and the truly stupid try to outwit nature." Suggestions for high-impact vegetables and how to plant and cultivate them are followed by tips for soil maintenance, harvesting and even favorite recipes for both common and unusual vegetables. Sources for heirloom plants and seeds complete this book that reads as easily as a novel but offers as much information as any valuable reference book. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.
From Library Journal
Horticulturist Christopher and Vintage Books editor-in-chief Asher, authors of *The 20-Minute Gardener* (LJ 1/97), tell how to grow vegetables by gardening an average of 20 minutes per day. Packed with humor and easy-to-understand advice, their book covers chemical-free vegetable gardening basics and provides complete cultural information for vegetables and herbs worth growing by time-pressed gardeners. Instructions for 20 20-minute projects range from how to grow sprouts indoors to an easy way to grow potatoes using discarded car tires. To help guarantee success, the authors list recommended vegetable varieties for various climates, including sources for seeds and plants. While gardening purists may prefer Jacqueline Heriteau's *Ortho's Complete Guide to Vegetables* (LJ 7/97), this book, which includes recipes, is a pleasure to read and would be a good choice for both beginners and experienced gardeners who want to save time. Recommended for public libraries. ?Sue O'Brien, Downers Grove P.L., IL
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