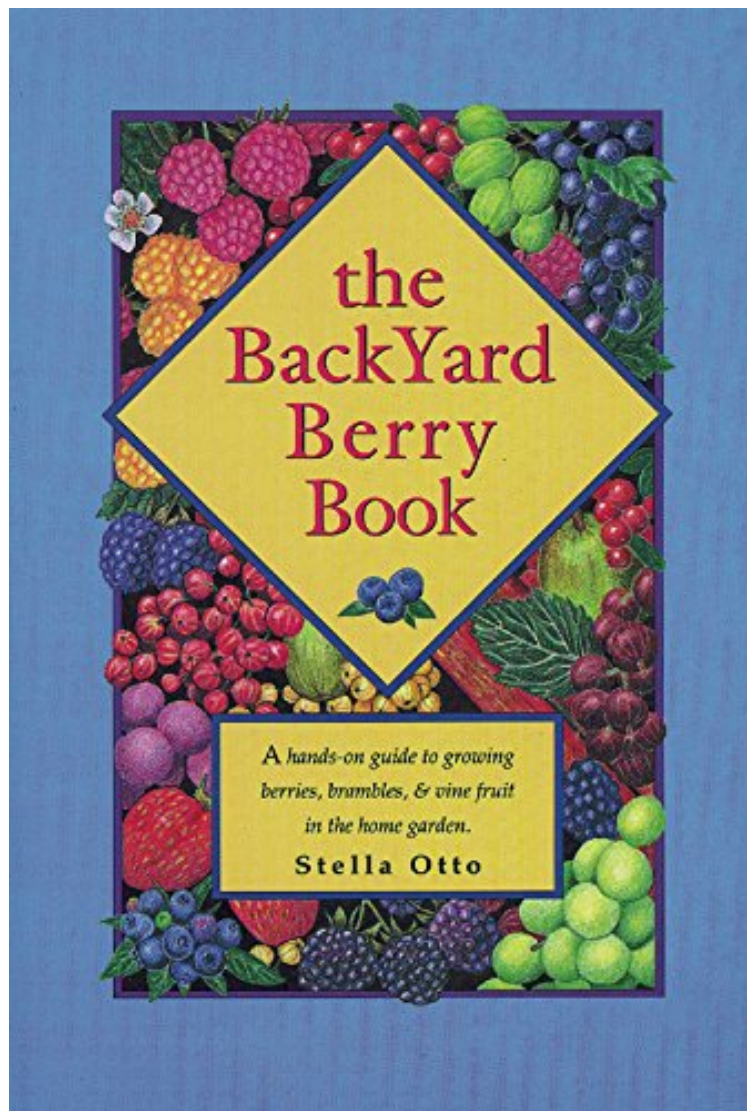


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As an experienced veggie gardener, just getting into berries, I was worried this book would be too beginner-oriented. In fact when it first arrived, I leafed through it and thought it was! I set it aside and didn't open it for another few weeks. But once I had really started to read this book, I found that it is plenty informative for an intermediate gardener. Otto gives loads of detail for each crop that I hadn't found elsewhere. I am very satisfied!  
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I purchased this book, the third copy I've bought so far, as a holiday present for my brother. He has found it to be as helpful as I have. It is a very basic book about how to grow about any berry plant. It is written for a home grower, not a botanist or commercial grower, and is full of useful information. Photos would be nice, but would probably increase the cost of the book putting it out of reach of more people.

Here's hands-on advice from a professional horticulturist and experienced fruit grower to help gardeners create an edible landscape. The Backyard Berry Book provided all the information that backyard gardeners need to grow strawberries, rhubarb, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, lingonberries, currants, gooseberries, grapes, and kiwi fruit. Includes details on soil nutrition and testing; disease, pest, weed, and bird control; and trellis design. A troubleshooting section and seasonal activity calendar will help ensure success.

.com In the late 20th century, unfortunately, berries are seen primarily in the supermarket at certain times of year, and while this is welcome, it used to be that everyone had a few berry bushes in the backyard: some currants, some gooseberries and a few rhubarb plants. Stella Otto explains how to bring this tradition back and raise lush crops of berries and fruit with pointers on soil nutrition, plant nutrients and mulching that will make your home-grown berries the envy of folks who only see them in the supermarket. This mouth-watering book will get you going.  
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