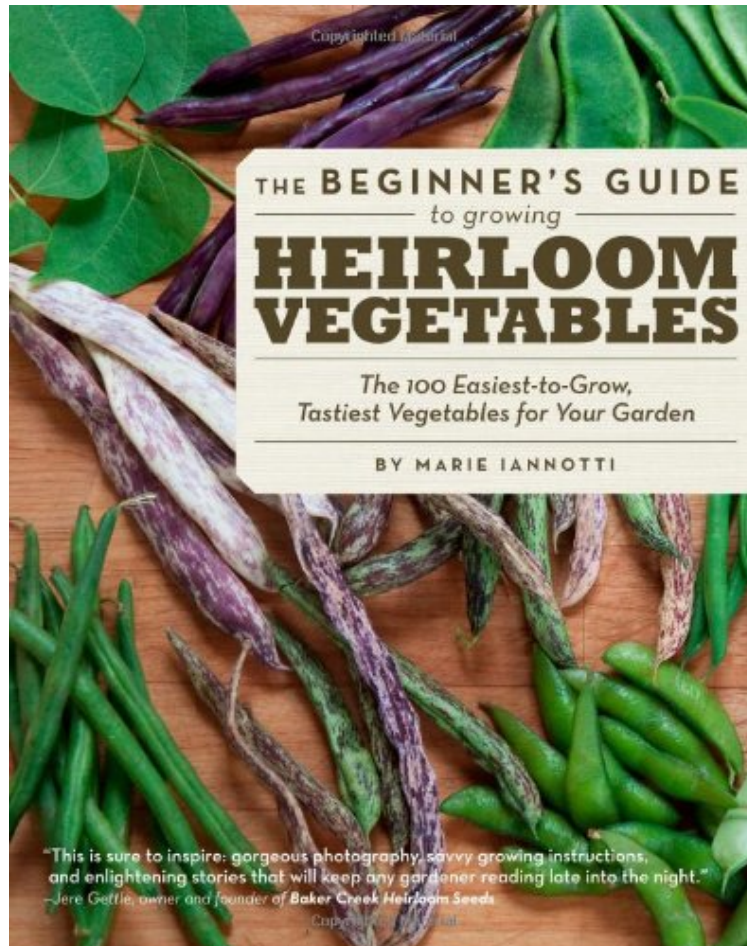


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**Marie Iannotti : The Beginner's Guide to Growing Heirloom Vegetables: The 100 Easiest-to-Grow, Tastiest Vegetables for Your Garden** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Beginner's Guide to Growing Heirloom Vegetables: The 100 Easiest-to-Grow, Tastiest Vegetables for Your Garden:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Easy and Informative By S.Markel The title fits this book to a T. It is very easy to read as it is written in such a lovely, personal style, and very informative. I've been growing heirloom tomatoes for years but wanted to branch out into other vegetables. This is a great book to give information about cultivation and characteristics. Seed catalogs don't have room to give the information you need to make a truly informed decision and this books goes a long way to providing this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Let's hear it for the Heirlooms! And thank you for reminding us about them! By Dr. John T. Webb I was so glad to discover that I am not alone in my endeavors to find and grow heirloom varieties, and NOT GMOs! While I do on occasion use cross-bred plants, I very seriously try to avoid the genetically modified ones. Most of the latter lack the better taste of the heirlooms. Many of the heirlooms also grow better in specific locales, too. This is a great source for ideas and for finding seeds and plants. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's a pretty book, but.... By Julie Good book with nice pics and info, however her info is a little slanted towards her growing region. IMO would have been a little better if the title reflected the specificity of the recommendations. So while it is a good book, greatness eludes it simply because there are far better choices for each area.

Growing your own vegetables has never looked, or tasted, so good. Are heirloom vegetables more difficult to grow than conventional hybrids? The Beginner's Guide to Growing Heirloom Vegetables debunks this myth by highlighting the 100 heirloom vegetables that are the easiest to grow and the tastiest to eat. Marie Iannotti makes it simple for beginning gardeners to jump on the heirloom trend by presenting an edited list based on years of gardening trial and error. Her plant criteria is threefold: The 100 plants must be amazing to eat, bring something unique to the table, and most importantly they have to be unfussy and easy to grow. Her list includes garden favorites like the meaty and mellow 'Lacinato' Kale, the underused and earthy 'Turkish Orange' Eggplant, and the unexpected sweetness of 'Apollo' Arugula.

From Booklist \*Starred\* To qualify as an heirloom, nationally recognized gardening writer Iannotti explains, a vegetable plant must be more than 50 years old, storied or historic, and open pollinated (no hybrids). Heirlooms are invaluable for their genetic uniqueness and because they have developed natural resistance to pests and diseases. Heirloom vegetables have been zealously reclaimed of late as gardeners seek to cultivate high-quality produce and recognize just how crucial it is to maintain biological diversity in the edible plant world. So what criteria did Iannotti use to select her 100 favorite heirloom vegetables out of today's great inventory? Taste. But as her 10 selection categories (aromatic, beautiful, classic, colorful, long season, prolific, spicy, sweet, unusual, and versatile) reveal, there is much more to consider. Each lively vegetable profile includes an analysis of its flavor, notes and tips on growing and harvesting, and pleasingly informative and artistic color photographs. Iannotti also offers Seed-Saving Basics to encourage gardeners to safeguard heirloom legacies. Iannotti's enthusiastic, handsome, and useful guide is, indeed, ideal for beginners, but it will also appeal to experienced gardeners and every cook interested in securing the most luscious and alluring vegetables. --Donna Seaman Lovers of edibles need to hang onto their socks! Marie Iannotti has given us a guide to growing 100 of the yummiest and most dazzling heirloom vegetables. I dare you to read this and not drool. Ivette Soler, author of *The Edible Front Yard* This is sure to inspire: gorgeous photography, savvy growing instructions, and enlightening stories that will keep any gardener reading late into the night. Jere Gettle, owner and founder of Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds Delicious, and deliciously dirt-filled. The New York Times Not surprisingly, this is a great book for anybody who grows any sort of vegetable. Iannotti waxes poetic about these plants and the gorgeous photos throughout the book back her up. Chicago Tribune Iannotti's enthusiastic, handsome, and useful guide is, indeed, ideal for beginners, but it will also appeal to experienced gardeners and every cook interested in securing the most luscious and alluring vegetables. Booklist A friendly introduction to the vast world of heirlooms which are good for the palate and great for the planet. ... Iannotti will hold the garden-gloved hands of those who are new to the old reliables. Publishers Weekly Iannotti goes into incredible detail so you can savor a delectable array of old-world vegetables when it comes time to harvest. Natural Home and Garden If the 250 pages of scintillating photographs of heirlooms don't have your taste buds watering and your green thumb twitching, I'm not sure what will. Its Easy Being Green Don't let the title of Marie Iannotti's new title from Timber Press fool you. Her guide for growing all that is heirloom is perfect for the beginner and the experienced gardener alike. Curbly Bookworm Add to this the fantastic stories of the origins of some of these veggies and you've got my hands-down favourite gardening book of the season so far. Flowery Prose