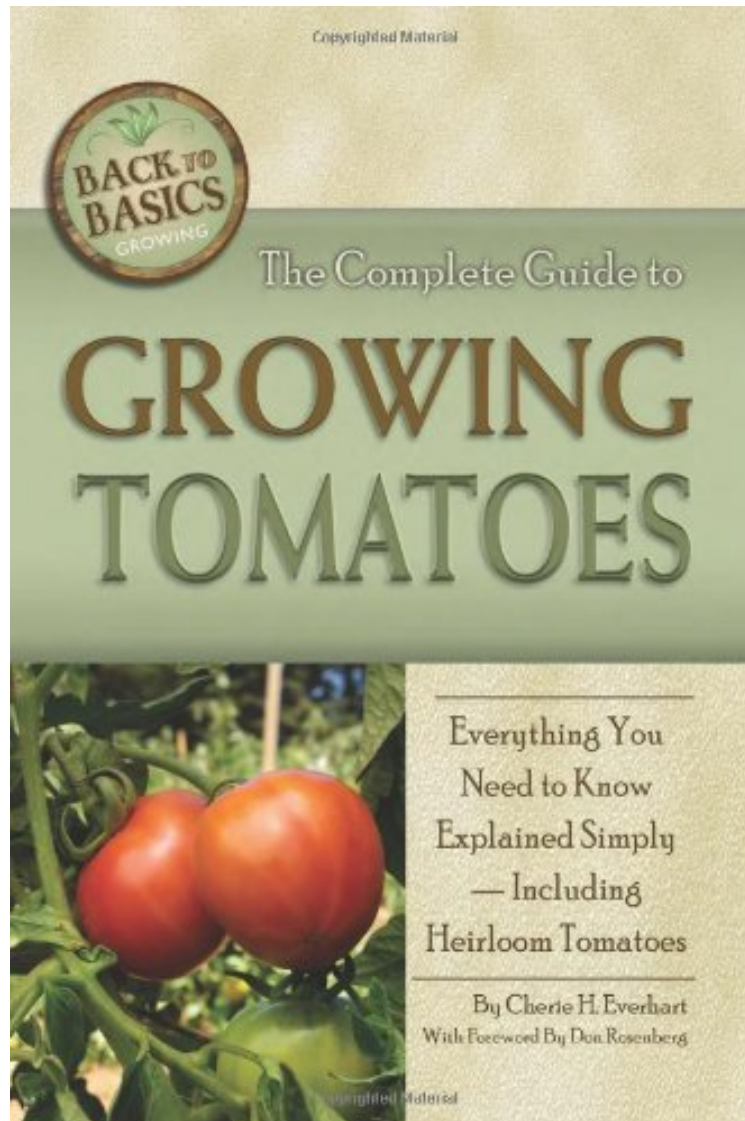


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## Heirloom Tomatoes (Back-To-Basics Gardening):

25 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Much Missing By Ausie The most surprising omission in this book is that related to fruit yield, quality and disorders even though these are primary concerns for both the commercial grower and home gardener. The most vexing fruit disorder is blossom-end rot, followed by misshapen fruit and low fruit yield and quality, subjects not at all addressed in this book. The discussion on "pruning" was difficult to follow, with vague instructions as to what and how to prune. The removal of plant leaves would have a significant negative effect on fruit yield. For indeterminate varieties, the removal of axial suckers is absolutely essential as they will develop into another fruiting stem, thereby reducing fruit size of fruit already set on fruiting clusters on the main stem as well as delay their ripening. Vegetative stems on flower clusters should also be removed. Another important task is to cluster prune, removing slow developing fruit, or fruit that are not normal in appearance when first observed. Fruit pruning is practiced in order to maintain high fruit quality and to standardize fruit size. Leaving slow developing fruit on a fruit cluster will reduce fruit set and delay fruit sizing as well as slowing ripening of fruit on other fruit clusters. Only one page was given to fertilization of the tomato plant, yet plant nutrition affects plant growth and fruit yield, with both excessive and insufficient nutritional conditions that will lead to low yield and poor fruit quality. Excessive fertilization is not uncommon that promotes vegetative growth that, in turn, reduces both fruit set and fruit quality, as for example, the occurrence of blossom-end rot that has a significant nutritional aspect. Hydroponics is the most common greenhouse growing method, a subject that is not at all mentioned in the text. This book is not a "complete guide," as these omissions require the reader to look to other sources for guidance in growing tomatoes.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not super helpful By Jesse Migliori The book is too cursory, very broad and written for the beginner. Nothing in depth about pruning, water, soil, how to get really beautiful tomatoes or how to combat typical problems. This would be appropriate for an intro to gardening class. If you have specific questions this book will not help nor is it the book for you.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Practical and Easy to Use By Marty OBX Got this for my gardener (aka companion) who actually used it! and raised a bumper crop of tomatoes this season (Summer 2012), and we got our last tomatoes in January 2013, and would have had more if not for a frost! And, yes, whatever the book said to do, these were some of the best tasting tomatoes we have grown. Can't wait for April to start again.

The average tomato farmer has more than 100 varieties of tomatoes, ranging from the sweetest, juiciest strains available to the smallest, easiest to grow options out there. Tomatoes are found in thousands of dishes across the world and they are notoriously expensive, especially in years when bad weather can destroy anywhere between 10% and 60% of the crops harvested in the United States annually. For all these reasons and more, many people have taken to growing their own tomatoes, setting up containers in their kitchens and digging plots in the back yard. But, effectively growing tomatoes is more than just a hobby for most. It is a challenge and without the right knowledge of how tomatoes grow and what they need, it can be downright frustrating. Growing tomatoes is a task anyone can accomplish and enjoy and this book strives to provide every possible resource and tip needed for you to become one of a growing legion of tomato growers. You will learn the fundamental basic aspects of all tomato plants that have helped growers around the world master their craft and create the largest tomatoes around. You will learn the basics of composting and fertilization and what each tomato plant benefits best from. You will also learn how to select your garden location and the seemingly complex but ideal task of starting from seed with your new tomato plants. You will learn what kinds of support systems are best for each kind of tomato plant, including the kinds of watering, cages, and nets that your plants might benefit most from. Tomato experts who have created a livelihood for themselves in growing and mastering the tomato plant have been interviewed around the country and their responses added to the book, helping you to know how to set the plants, prune them effectively, read a tomato plant at various times during the season and even to combat the various trials and tribulations of tomato growing, from pests and disease to frost and storms. Everything you could possibly need to know about tomatoes, how to grow them and how to effectively start a new hobby and possibly create secondary income, is included in this guide for you.

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In this back to basics guide, the Georgia-based author offers tips to help gardeners maximize the quality, yield, and diversity of the tomatoes they grow. With an emphasis on organic methods, Everhart (PhD, chemistry) discusses heirloom vs. hybrid varieties, cultivation strategies, pest management, and how to extend the growing season. The guide includes case studies, illustrations, recipes, resources, a glossary, and garden log template. --2011 Book News Inc. Portland, OR

Many people are turning to their agricultural roots in order to become self-sufficient by growing and preparing their own food. Atlantic Publishing has a Back to Basics series of books that teach you Everything You Need to Know Explained Simply. Three handy books out of several in the series include The Complete Guide to Growing Tomatoes: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide Including Heirloom Tomatoes, Growing Healing and Medicinal Herbs: and Growing Vegetables, Flowers, Fruits and herbs from Containers. Growing Tomatoes by Cherie H. Everhart explains the juiciest to the smallest and easiest to grow strains of tomatoes as well as the benefits of growing heirlooms (more variety of colors, flavors, textures and shapes which is nice if you are a foodie as well as promoting agricultural diversity which helps protect food supply monoculture is a dangerous concept since a single insect or disease can wipe out an entire crop and even strain) to saving seeds and getting bigger yields. Natural and organic gardening tips are included like natural pest and disease control (insert a carrot into the ground close to your tomato plant and see if worms attack the carrot; diluting a solution of aspirin and spraying it on tomato plants helps fight fungal infections like blight). The information and tips in this book provides invaluable advice. --New Living Magazine August 2011 Edition

About the Author Cherie Everhart grew up watching her dad garden and eventually started gardening herself. She earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina, and her career was in corporate research and development for several major corporations. She is now retired from corporate research, but continues to garden. Prior to this book, her writing experience has been technical in nature including a thesis, technical reports, journal articles, and patents. She currently lives and gardens in Alpharetta, Georgia. Her garden is currently about 2,500 square feet, including a variety of berries and vegetables."