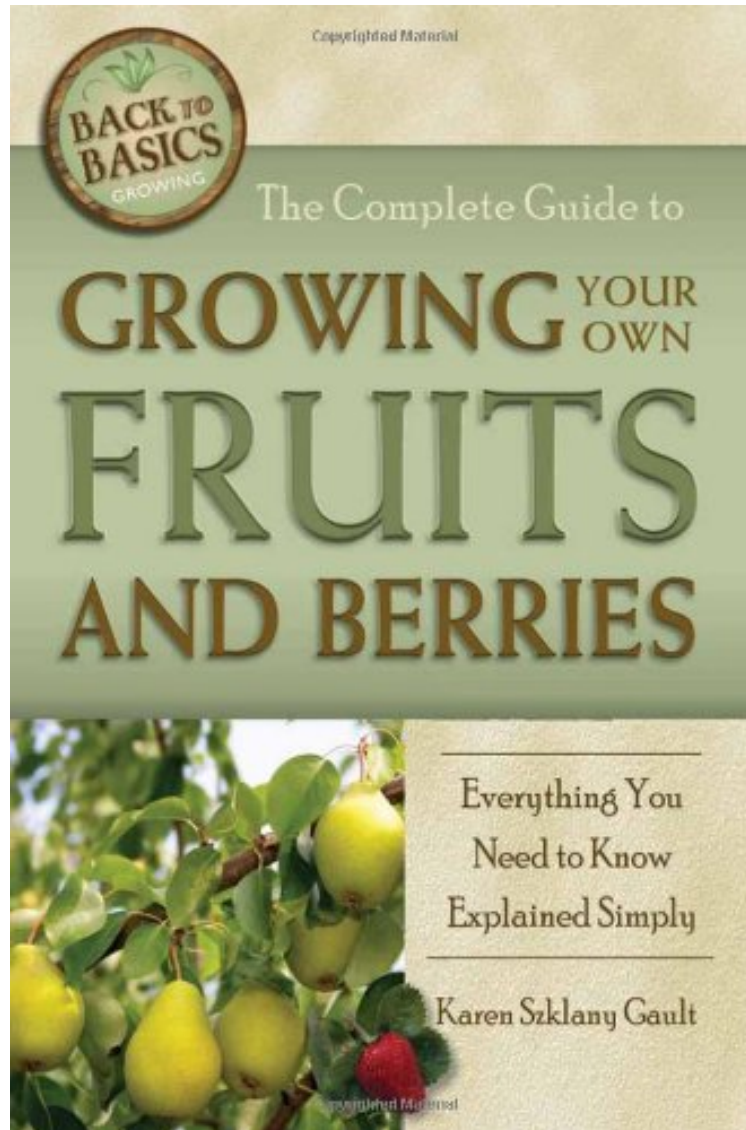


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**Karen Szklany Gault : The Complete Guide to Growing Your Own Fruits and Berries: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide (Back-To-Basics Gardening)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Guide to Growing Your Own Fruits and Berries: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide (Back-To-Basics Gardening):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Almost reasonable basic overview  
By N. Neubert  
Lovely photos--often lacking captions and a lack of illustrations or photos for particular tools or processes that could use some visual explanation. Some of the tables seemed interesting and helpful but the accompanying text all but invalidated them--ex. fruit planting season table vs text saying times are opposite in "the South." Based on the overlapping explanations and classifications of several states into regions, it's difficult to know whether or not I should follow the chart or do the opposite. Coverage of larger tools/machines did not mention how their use can compact garden soil, or destroy soil texture and therefore your chances of success. Amending clay soil with sand was an impractical bit of advice for "sweetening" as it actually just makes it into an impenetrable brick. It also described clays as alkaline, which at least as far as my mid-Atlantic gardening experience goes, is the opposite. Soil texture (clay, sand, silt) cannot be permanently altered without taking years (possibly lifetimes) but all textures can be improved by adding composted organic matter. The coverage of mulches omitted key information as well--the best (in long-term university studies) is arborist chips comprised of bark, twigs, and hard and softwoods. It was also claimed that mulches are cheap which is relative and it didn't really address chemically treated mulches and how they might affect edibles. The statement of adding sawdust as an amendment that absorbs nitrogen sounded like having the most challenging to keep around macronutrient needed by plants absorbed was a bonus feature. The recommendation of drying found seaweed as a fertilizer didn't seem to address the high salt content it might bring to plants/composts that it would be applied to. There seemed to be many missed opportunities for excellent edible gardening education within this text. I was also disappointed to see so many brand references. It felt as though the author might have been offered incentives to mention certain companies and products repeatedly. Overall, it was a lovely but superficial treatment of a topic that would require volumes to be "complete." Many of the issues it tried to address would be more accurately answered with "it depends" as to where the garden is. Trying to write specifics for the whole country is rather too ambitious. Contact your local extension office for the most accurate information and personal friendly advice for growing fruits and berries.  
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pretty Simplistic  
By Jezebel  
This is not an in-depth guide, but a truly 'basic' summary for everything required to grow fruits and berries at home. I bought it for my father, and the simple language was key, since English is his second language.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars  
By Gloria L. Orr  
Very informative.

There is nothing better than a freshly picked apple or raspberry from your own backyard and yet many homeowners lack the resources or the necessary gardening acumen to effectively plant and harvest their own fruit. While some fruits, like apples, grow in almost any climate (as many as 35 of 50 states providing perfect conditions), others like blackberries and blueberries are incredibly hard to grow without the right soil, weather, and care. This book will guide every man and woman out there who has ever wanted to grow their own crop of fruits and berries or who has tried and failed. From the simplest fruit tree to the most fickle berry bush, this book will be your one and only guide. You will learn everything you need to know, including: How to select your fruits and berries of choice, using a combination of climate information that matches the best possible bushes, trees, and vines to your home and how these plants will grow there How to maintain your plants in your climate with the right sunlight, location, soil, and fertilizer and what each different kind of fruit or berry needs to be most effective The planting conditions and the maintenance that each fruit or berry needs, from pruning and picking, to maintaining a pest free environment around your plants. Starting with the most basic aspects of your planting sequence, you will learn everything possibly needed to grow and have your very own fruits and berries every year. The top gardeners around have contributed their own tips and tricks to effectively growing and maintaining the lives of your new fruit and berry trees and bushes. With this book, any prospective gardener can start enjoying the sweet fruits of their labor.

Ms. Gault does a fine job of introducing how to grown fruits andberries. She gives the reader enough information to feel confidentabout their choices and how successful they will be. I do wish that she had included colored pictures such as the ones in Back to Basics "TheComplete Guide to Growing Healing and Medicinal Herbs". But that is aminor disappointment compared to the rest of the material in the book. ~ HeatherM  
This is not an in-depth guide, but a truly 'basic' summary foreverything required to grow fruits and berries at home. I bought it for my father, and the simple language was key, since English is his second language. ~ Jezebel  
Growing your own fruits and berries is an interesting hobby for anyone.The Complete Guide to Growing Your Own Fruits and Berries is full of great information on the subject. There is even a few recipes in the Appendix B section. If you want to learn how to grow fruit, then thisbook is for you. ~ Coffee Addicted Writer (Billy)  
From the Author  
This book was a joy to write. Many hours of hands-on hardening experience was woven into the how-to sections and generous fellow gardeners gave their time to share their gardening wisdom in the form of case studies. My writing focused more on organic gardening and pest control over chemical methods so that readers know that they can grow fruits and berries in a sustainable manner. The recipes at the end were shared by friends who share my passion for gardening. Enjoy!  
From the Inside Flap  
Ever since I was a little girl, I have loved to dig in the earth. I loved to kneel in the grass to plant the seeds, water the growing plants with our garden hose, and pick the food that I grew. My grandmother had the original green thumb of

the family, and gardening was one of my favorite things to do with her. I dug, weeded, pruned, and watered with her weekly. When the time was right for harvesting, the peaches smelled and tasted like the sun that kissed them. The raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries melted in my mouth. The peaches made a scrumptious snack at any time of a summer day. The berries made it into salads - if they made it into the kitchen at all...Are there any gardening memories from your childhood that linger and make you smile? They may be the biggest inspiration for trying to turn a plot of land close to your home into a garden of fresh fruit to pick and eat.