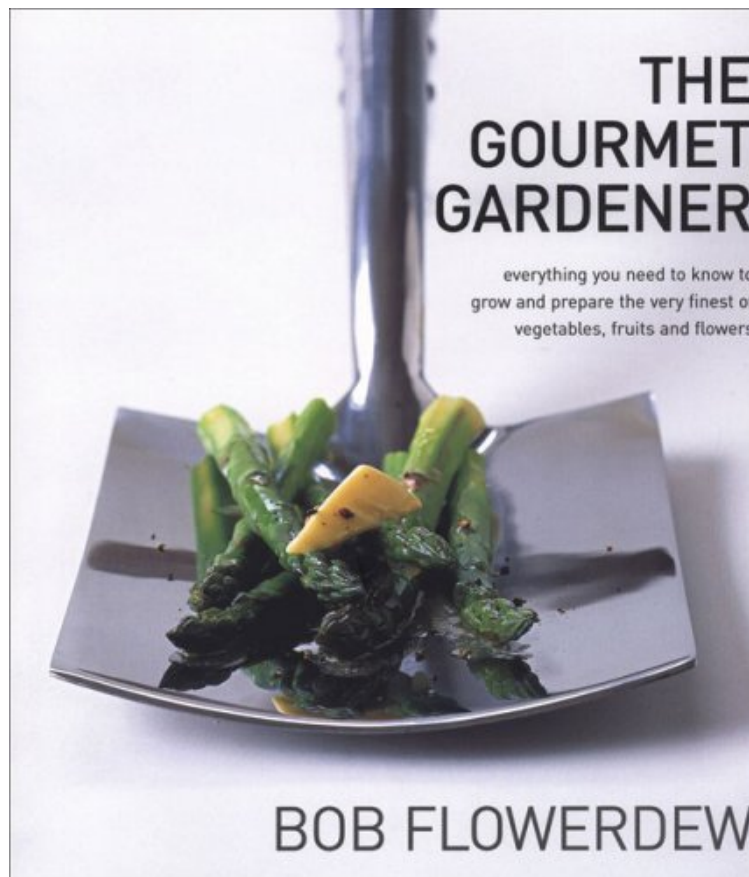


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1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Helpful if you are a Brit in the British Isles. Not too helpful for American Gardeners. There are much better books for us. The varieties of vegetables and fruits are mostly known to the Brits, but not so much for Americans, that is not to say there are no varieties that are good for us.

Practical advice on growing the tastiest varieties of fruit, nuts, vegetables, herbs, salads and even flowers, as well as advice on how to choose the right plant for your needs and how to improve its performance.

From Publishers Weekly Flowerdew, a British horticulturist and author of several books on organic gardening, writes this guide for experienced growers ready to go "gourmet." He argues that mass-grown, chemically treated produce is inferior to organic, and that anything sold in stores has likely suffered during shipping and shelving. A true gourmet should cook using only the best, and that means fresh, home-grown fare. Flowerdew is comprehensive as he describes his tried-and-true techniques for raising even the most temperamental fruits and veggies, but beginning gardeners will be intimidated by the sheer volume of information and the technical knowledge Flowerdew assumes of his readers. More experienced growers will appreciate new tips on old favorites such as carrots, broccoli and peaches, plus the chance to try their hand at more exotic fare like bulbous-rooted chervil, rowan berries and bok, or pak, choi. Flowerdew also includes a chapter on storing and processing, and a rather extraneous section on growing flowers. Gorgeous photos liven up this authoritative, if textbooklike, guide to gourmet gardening. (Feb.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Gorgeous photos liven up this authoritative guide to gourmet gardening. -- Publishers Weekly About the Author Bob Flowerdew is Britains foremost authority on organic gardening methods; among his many books are The Complete Book of Organic Gardening and Bob Flowerdews Organic Bible.