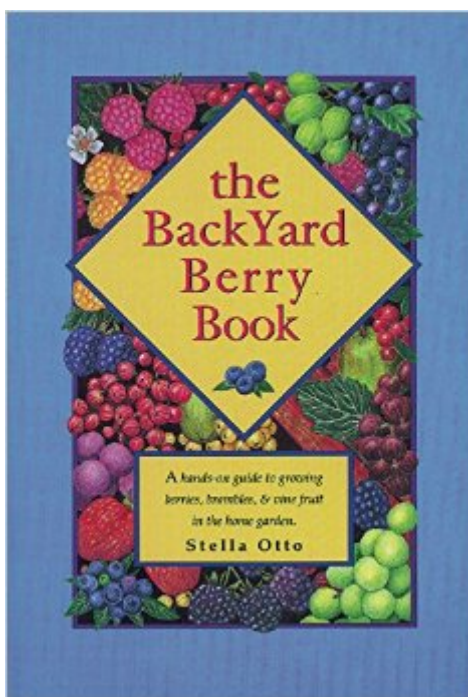


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# The Backyard Berry Book: A Hands-On Guide To Growing Berries, Brambles, And Vine Fruit In The Home Garden



## Synopsis

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 trouble-shooting section and seasonal activity calendar will help ensure success.

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## Customer Reviews

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.

Otto focuses on what she calls small fruit, fruit that does not grow on trees but as a cultivated, perennial crop on small plants, canes, bushes, or vines--strawberries, rhubarbs, brambles (raspberries and blackberries), blueberries, lingonberries, currants, gooseberries, grapes, and kiwi fruit. She begins with a chapter on site selection and preparation, continuing with chapters on plant selection and propagation; berry botany; soil nutrition, photosynthesis, and water; pest control; and diseases. Chapters detailing the growing of these small fruits complete the book, along with

troubleshooting questions and answers, a seasonal activity calendar, and a glossary. George Cohen

Good information and helpful. Good information and helpful.

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!

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.

This is a handy little book. I read it once a few years ago and learned a lot. More importantly, I keep returning to it when I have questions about some of the plants in my backyard: grapes, blueberries, and cane berries. Ms. Otto has been there and really knows her subject well. The book is comprehensive and covers what you really need to know: planting, care requirements, pruning and training, and harvesting. If you're looking for a flashy, full-color book, this is not it, but for some down home wisdom with lots of diagrams, etc., this book contains what you need.

Great book so far. haven't had time to read much, but have black berry bushes.

This book passed my expectations. Told about soil preparations and growing seasons on different berries. My most interest was Lingonberries and Blueberries. But now I believe I will try my hand a couple more. It was delivered ahead of schedule as well. Awesome job .

Nice to have in my collection on medicinal and edible plants. Well written and easy to understand

If you know the rudiments, you can Google any question you have. This adds nothing.

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