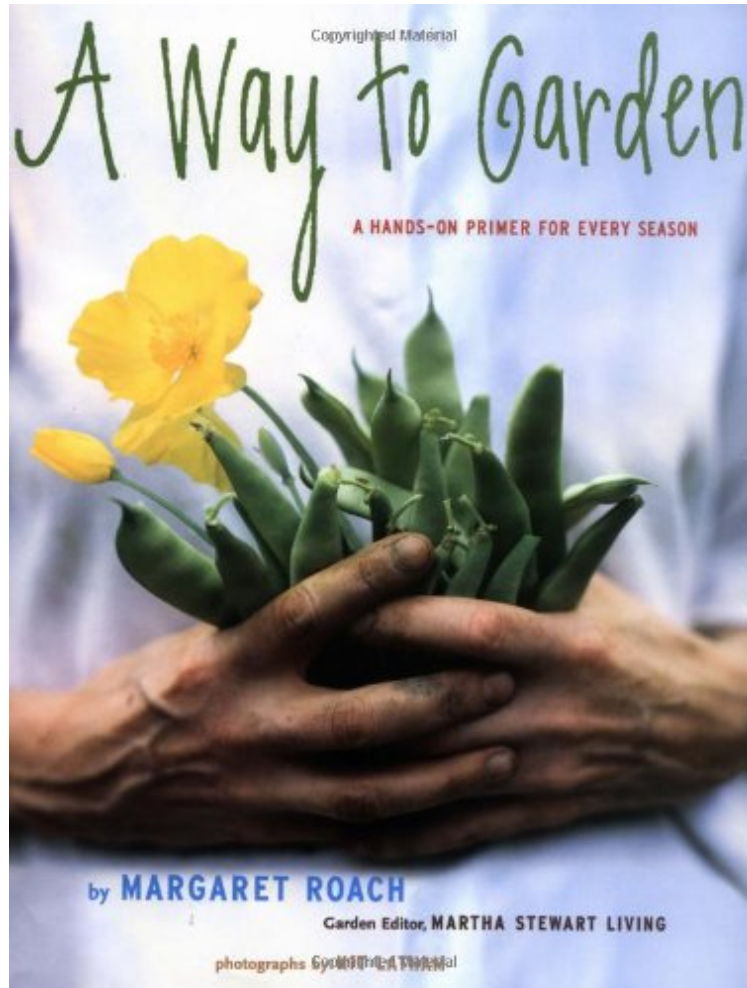


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Margaret Roach : A Way to Garden: A Hands-On Primer for Every Season before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Way to Garden: A Hands-On Primer for Every Season:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. New to the GardenBy BridgetI purchased this book used, it has a gasoline smell (must have come from a garage), so I have it airing out in my sunroom. I have started reading and LOVE the book! I like it so much that if the book doesn't air out, I will purchase another copy!Margaret is such a joy and her love of plants inspires me as a new gardener.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. First book possibly only gardening book neededBy Northern Neck of VirginiaMargaret is a delightful and practical mentor for year round organic gardening. She writes about her own trial and error experiences so that beginners know that gardening is an adventure and will never be perfect all the time. More experienced soil-diggers enjoy chuckling while

reminiscing their own occurrence. She debunks the stereotyping that gardening is expensive. Her thrifty methods are numerous and her suggestions on where to splurge are economical as how to get the best bang for the buck.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. Margaret's Wonderful GiftBy D. MarshallI am not a gardener and had I not been fortunate enough to find Margaret's "And I shall find some peace there" and fall in love with her blog I would have never bought this book. But I am reading it slowly and learning a lot and thoroughly enjoying Margaret's warm personal way of sharing her love of nature plus, her expertise. The photography is also beautiful. I once told her in a blog interchange that she helps me nurture the garden of my soul. Every gardener and gardener want to be should own this beautiful book.

There are as many ways to garden as there are gardeners, but Margaret Roach offers one that is so warmly personal and so richly informative that many gardeners will want to adopt it as their own. Using her own upstate New York property as her model and laboratory, she leads us through the garden's seasons as they parallel the stages of our own lives. First is conception (the idea of the garden as it takes shape in January and February), followed by birth (the planting time of March and April), youth (an explosion of flowers in May and June), adulthood (harvesting and dividing in July and August), senescence (taking inventory in September and October), and death and afterlife (the winter garden of November and December). For every month she makes note of the activities of the moment -- how to plan a garden before the snow melts, select hardy and forgiving plants that build the gardener's confidence, plant a 'late-start' vegetable garden, create a crevice garden in the cracks of the patio, and force bulbs indoors to stave off the winter blues. Throughout, Roach's friendly, conversational writing not only explains exactly what needs to be done and how to do it, but also inspires us with a love of gardening itself -- the closest many of us come to nature in our everyday lives.

.com Margaret Roach, garden editor for Martha Stewart Living magazine, has produced a particularly appealing addition to the philosophical genre of gardening books. Roach takes a holistic view of the garden: "Neither my garden books nor my garden is the stuff that art is made of, a fact for which I am only partly apologetic. My garden is where I can be myself--perhaps the only place besides the pay-by-the-hour couch that invites me to be so, in fact." The book's basic conceit--that a year in the garden parallels the six seasons of life: conception, birth, youth, adulthood, senescence, and death/afterlife--makes for interesting reading, and the practical aspect is aided by a good index at the end. Fortunately, the text, while personal and charming, doesn't descend too far into leafy navel-gazing; Roach can be quite hard-headed and instructive on the matter of caning raspberries, making a garden pond, dividing irises, growing your own salad greens. Gardeners who have plenty of room and a bit of puttering time themselves will delight in Roach's relaxed approach. --Barrie Trinkle