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10 of 13 people found the following review helpful. What a way to garden!By Dawn M. CallahanThis book is an excellent way to learn what to plant next to eachother or not in order to promote better growth, not to mention growing certain things to make your soil more viable and keeping away insects. I think this book is the best way to learn about organic gardening in an uncomplicated, interesting-to-read way. I have never been able to grow potatoes without somekind of rot or bug infesting and this whole time all I had to do was plant a pretty flowering tobacco next to it! Never again a problem.

Covering both theory and practice, this is a guide to the technique of using the beneficial relationships of plants growing in close proximity to one another. Some plants are useful because they shade smaller ones; some accumulate

minerals that benefit others; some attract pests and can be used as "sacrificial" plants alongside a more valuable crop; others just seem to "do better" with certain plants nearby. The book includes ideas and lists of plants suitable for certain positions in the garden.

From Booklist Flowerdew emphasizes interesting and useful interactions between different plants, between plants and animals, and between plants and their environment. He writes that plants can be used effectively to improve the environment, microclimate, and soil and to attract and provide shelter and food for other forms of life, which in turn benefit the plants. There's a detailed list of plants that are suitable for certain places in the garden or that thrive together. Flowerdew has practiced his principles of companion planting in his own garden in Norfolk, England; however, his approach is applicable here. Jacqui Hurst's 150 opulent color photographs accompany. George Cohen