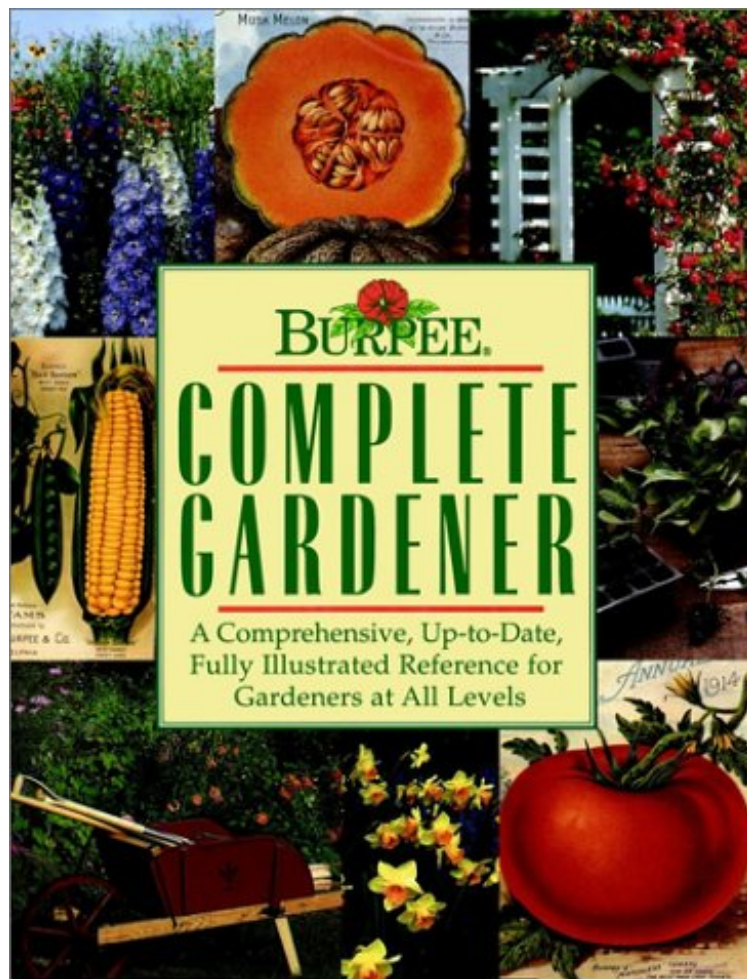


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.com W. Atlee Burpee Co., supplier of flower and vegetable seeds for more than 120 years, now provides a comprehensive guide to gardening with Burpee Complete Gardener. The book gives a wide range of information, covering such topics as starting and designing a garden; dealing with climate, soil, lighting, mulching, fertilizing, and watering; making compost; and controlling weeds. The best part, though, is the more than 420 descriptions (most with color photographs) of annuals, perennials, bulbs, roses, vegetables, herbs, ground covers, and vines. There are also excellent sections on the proper tools and equipment, controlling pest and disease problems, and the questions most asked by gardeners (divided into categories for easy reference), as well as a season-by-season guide to garden maintenance. Along with the photographs, the book includes many instructional drawings along with neat pictures of Burpee catalogs and seed packets dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s. The latter provide a touch of personality and charm that, unfortunately, the book otherwise lacks. That minor complaint aside, Burpee Complete Gardener is a solid work that offers handy information for all, but especially beginning, gardeners. --Andy BoyntonFrom Publishers WeeklyA much-respected name in gardening, Burpee offers this phone book-sized tome for the one-stop reference shelf. Competitively priced (at half the cost of most other encyclopedic overviews), the book is especially appropriate for beginners. Readers are guided with 450 photos and illustrations (not seen by PW) and a user-friendly format that forges confidently through the ins and outs of such basics as plant hardiness zones and soil preparation to garden design and pest control. Nearly two-thirds of the book is devoted to "plant portraits," brief but thorough profiles of hundreds of plants, in such groupings as "Perennials," "Bulbs" and "Herbs," that include information on characteristics and culture as well as such often overlooked finer points as staking and the best time to divide. Although experienced gardeners won't find new ground turned here, the lively presentation and accessible, authoritative air (including a section, "Gardener's Most-Asked Questions") should endear this reference to those newly acquainted with trowel and hoe. Literary Guild, Doubleday and Rodale book club selections. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistComprehensive--that's certainly true! Here you will find information on 420 annuals, biennials, perennials, bulbs, roses, vegetables, herbs, ground covers, and vines. There's a description of each plant, along with growing instructions and its uses. Other chapters cover designing, starting, planting, and caring for a garden; tools and equipment; and pests and diseases. And particularly handy is the chapter on gardeners' most-asked questions. This lavish guide includes 380 full-color photographs, vintage color illustrations from Burpee catalogues and seed packets, and black-and-white how-to line drawings. George Cohen