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Maggie Stuckey, Rose Marie Nichols McGee : McGee Stuckey's Bountiful Container: Create Container Gardens of Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, and Edible Flowers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised McGee Stuckey's Bountiful Container: Create Container Gardens of Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, and Edible Flowers:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A fun book
By Marham I have grown herbs and many kinds of veggies in containers for years, enjoy doing so and learning more. So many container gardening books are about containers--really cool objects used as pots happened upon at, say, a second-hand shop. This is not that kind of book. This book covers a broad range of topics (yes, containers), but mostly particular varieties of plants the two authors have had success with, keeping the soil healthy, a few recipes, a few line drawings, seasonal and geographic variables. The book is a tiny bit quirky in that every so often the individual voices of the authors come through if their experiences are different. The book is not dry and encyclopedic but rather full of good advice and the shared experience of two people who clearly like to grow all kinds of things in pots. For example, I never considered apple trees. The authors let the reader know what the possibilities are and what would preclude this as a good idea for some places.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thorough, Insightful, Easy to Use
By Sunubelle This book is a great resource for those of us wishing to grow things in containers. I am not a gardener, but I like to grow little vegetables and herbs. This book is well arranged, covers all the topics I need, and has an index for handy reference. Being fairly new to the hobby and wishing to know more, I can say this book provided just what I needed. Don't hesitate to order it if you are looking for a basic reference!
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful, basic container/porch, apartment, etc gardening fruits/veggies, and of course flowers
By Elizabeth G Clever ideas, and details for those of us with 'black' (heavy sigh) thumbs, combine their expertise with the new water saver pots (that hold water for days in the base, and make care so much easier) can't wait for garden season.

With few exceptions--such as corn and pumpkins--everything edible that's grown in a traditional garden can be raised in a container. And with only one exception--watering--container gardening is a whole lot easier. Beginning with the down-to-earth basics of soil, sun and water, fertilizer, seeds and propagation, *The Bountiful Container* is an extraordinarily complete, plant-by-plant guide. Written by two seasoned container gardeners and writers, *The Bountiful Container* covers Vegetables--not just tomatoes (17 varieties) and peppers (19 varieties), but also artichokes, fava beans, Thumbelina carrots, Chioggia beets, and sugarsnap peas. Herbs, from basil to thyme, and including bay leaves, fennel, and saffron crocus. Edible Flowers, such as begonias, calendula, pansies, violets, and roses. And perhaps most surprising, Fruits, including apples, peaches, Meyer lemons, blueberries, currants, and figs--yes, even in the colder parts of the country. (Another benefit of container gardening: You can bring the less hardy perennials in over the winter.) There are theme gardens (an Italian cook's garden, a Four Seasons garden), lists of sources, and dozens of sidebars on everything from how to be a human honeybee to seeds that are All America Selections.

From Publishers Weekly
McGee (Basic Herb Cookery) and veteran gardening writer Stuckey (Gardening from the Ground Up) share their expertise and experience in the art of container gardening. Armed with this manual, frustrated apartment dwellers can indulge their passion for growing edible things. If there is an available balcony, porch, front or back steps, according to the authors, growing produce in containers can be easy and rewarding. With some limitations, it is even possible to grow foods in a window box or on an indoor windowsill. This compendium of practical advice includes detailed information on the types of containers to use, equipment needed, the right soil, when to plant which seeds and how best to deal with problems such as too much or too little sunlight. They also explain more sophisticated techniques like succession planting, whereby ongoing seasonal planting takes place in the same container. This can yield a harvest of peas in early summer, tomatoes in late summer to early fall and kale that will grow into winter. Included are mouth-watering recipes for harvested container crops. Written for the beginner as well as for those with a background in gardening, McGee and Stuckey's directions are comprehensive, clearly written and frequently inspiring.
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Clear and easy directions: Vegetables for every season: 21 varieties of beans, including favas and haricots verts; peppers from sweet orange Valencias to fiery Thai Dragons (a scorcher at 60,000 Scoville units); dwarf eggplants; fingerling potatoes; 17 terrific tomatoes; lettuces; and Asian greens like bok choy, mizuna, and Chinese kale. Herbs, including basil green and purple, exotic lemongrass, soothing chamomile, saffron crocus, and the essential culinary herbs such as parsley, rosemary, sage, tarragon, and the many thymes. Fruits: Meyer lemons, strawberries, gooseberries, figs, and even apples, peaches, and grapes. And edible flowers, like tart begonias, pepper nasturtiums, clove-spicy dianthus, and sweet daylilies, to add enchantment to meals. Complete with all the basics of choosing the right containers, determining soil types, applying fertilizers, and knowing when to start from seed and when to start from seedling.