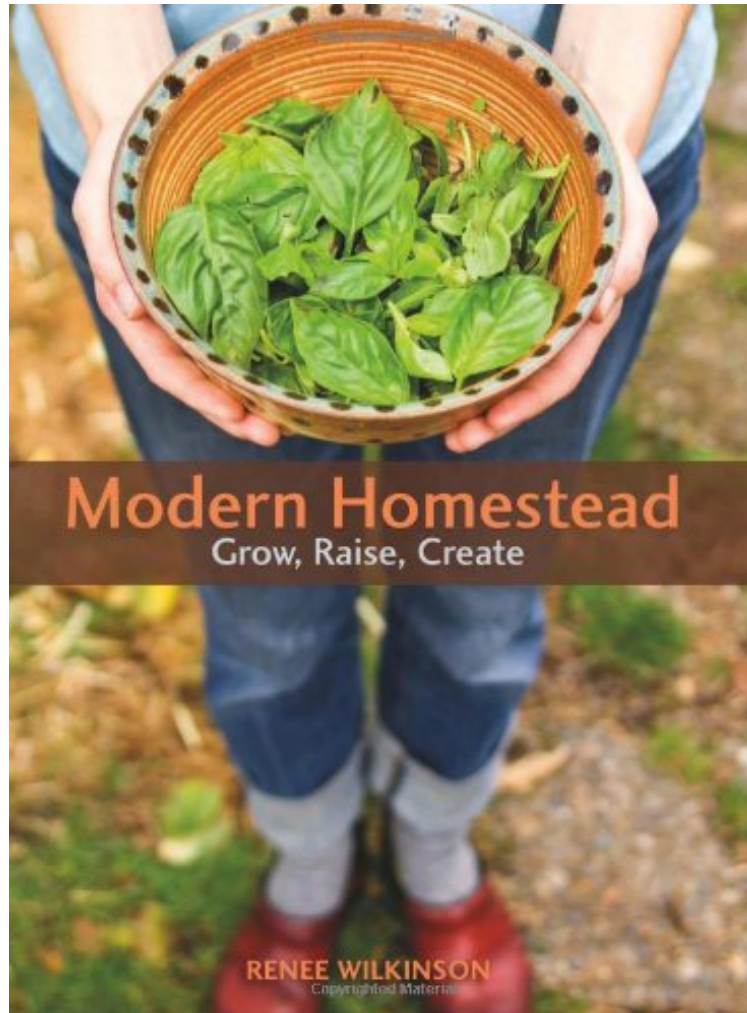


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Renee Wilkinson : Modern Homestead: Grow, Raise, Create before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Modern Homestead: Grow, Raise, Create:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Transformed me from a gardener to a homesteader By Justin Jones I've been an occasional hobby gardener for a long time. I've read loads of gardening books, most containing great information that made me a better gardener. After my daughter was born 3 years ago, I gave up gardening for awhile due to time constraints. When I decided to start gardening again, I was overwhelmed with the amount of work I was faced with. This book helped change my perspective- now, I'm starting to look at myself more as a homesteader more than a gardener. What's the difference? Homesteading is a lifestyle, not a hobby or chore. The first thing my 3 year old daughter says when we get home from daycare is "Let's go look and see how the garden is doing!" The book is an excellent template for starting an urban homestead, but encourages the reader to experiment and improvise, making

your homestead a reflection of the reader's (rather than the author's) personality and values. This methodology rewards the homesteader with a solid homesteading intuition- after enough experiments, you have a pretty good idea what will work for you and what won't. This is really at the heart of the "green thumb" concept- understanding and perfecting your own garden via your own intuition and knowledge rather than trying to photocopy someone else's success.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. Awesome and fun read!By love2quilt2000This book has been earning its keep on my bookshelf! I have been wanting to start a "real" garden for several years now, but it's hard to know where to begin when you weren't raised on a farm. This book caught my eye in the gardening section because it's really pretty, it covers a ton of info and I liked the writing style. It's very easy to understand and enjoyable to read. We have a postage stamp yard and the book has lots of ideas for small spaces. The "grow" chapter has some helpful garden plans. It's nice just to have someone tell me what to plant where and how much can fit into a raised bed. The "create" chapter has lots of easy recipes which have been fun to make and it's been good practice for me to get used to cooking fresh. I'm looking forward to drying and canning later this summer. I love that it includes the "raise" chapter on keeping chickens and goats, but we're not quite there yet. I'm glad I don't have to buy another book in a year or two though when we're ready to think more seriously about chickens. Really happy the book got me started and I think I'll use it a lot over the years as the garden plans grow!² of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Barn YardBy Snowbrush CafeIf you are exploring gardening in addition to backyard animals, chickens and the like, this is a great resource. She spends a bit of time on apartments and landlords, if you are an apartment dweller - I skipped thru a lot of the introductory pages and the apartment stuff. I really like her writing, it is so easy and comfortable and yet smart and deeply informative. I would rank her as a content expert on composting, chickens, gardening, preserving etc.. It is a cool book and I look forward to her next one.

Sixth-generation gardener Renee Wilkinson embraces the old school while adding a bit of funk in this saavy-smart guide to homesteading. From a windowsill to a sprawling backyard, these are all places we can grow vegetables, make homes for animals, and fill our cupboards with canned decadence, all the while flashing our personal style and taste.

Filled with beautiful photos and illustrations, Wilkinson tells pretty much everything anyone needs to know to get started in sustainable living, especially in urban and suburban areas. Its a compact resource that should be kept handy, with a valuable index for looking things up. Jim Ewing, Clarionledger.comThis is a comprehensive starter-kit for creating a homesteading lifestyle in a simple and inspiring way From growing your own food in the smallest urban space, to a larger urban backyard plan, Modern Homestead will give you the information, instruction, and inspiration you need to get going- or to expand. Enjoy! Spirituality and Health.com