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**Christopher O. Bird : Modern Vegetable Gardening** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Modern Vegetable Gardening:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A great book for backyard gardenersBy A CustomerThis is one of the two books that actually got me to start my garden (the other being Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew). In his book, Mr. Bird teaches a method that combines raised bed gardening with square foot gardening. This may sound complicated, but I as an absolute beginner was able to use it to make a garden containing green wax beans, peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, watermelon, canteloupe, corn, cucumbers, pumpkins, sunflowers, lettuce, swiss chard, radishes and carrots.One of the things that I particularly appreciated was his emphasis on finding cheap alternatives to traditional gardening necessities. As an example, he recommends using styrofoam cups with holes punched in the bottom for starting transplants. They are extremely cheap and can be reused year after year. The book is great for beginners. Besides giving all kinds of basic information on how to get started, it gives specific information on growing several different kinds of popular vegetables. Whether you are someone just starting out, or an experienced gardener wanting to try a new method of growing lots of plants in a small area, this is definitely a book to be considered. I'm sure I'll be using it as a reference tool years from now.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book!By Marc D. GendronThis book was excellent! It was written in a way that most anyone could read and understand what to do. The author was very exact in his directions and suggestions. It has inspired me to be a better gardener and to help others as well. I just hope all my vegetables and fruit do as well as some of the pictures he has in the book. This book is not outdated from the 90's to now as everything is pretty much the same is regards to soil,

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With the right modern techniques, vegetable gardening can be more fun, less work, and more productive.

From BooklistGardening in the 1990s, as Bird explains, involves organic growing, raised beds, limited space use, and what the author calls intensive planting. There are techniques today that enable you to grow all the vegetables you want in half the space and with half the work. Bird says there are plant varieties that have been bred to grow smaller, resist disease better, and produce bigger and tastier fruit. Raised, intensive beds drain well and provide warmer soil. Raised beds are easier, he points out, because the soil can be bought from a landscaping company, thus saving the gardener the work of digging into hard ground. For intensive planting, Bird suggests leaving no room for paths between rows of plants, thereby using every inch of space for growing. He also suggests starting plants from seeds ordered from mail-order companies where the selection is better. Included is a frost data chart; a vegetable spacing, seed depth, and days-to-germinate chart; and a list of the 10 most common mistakes. George Cohen