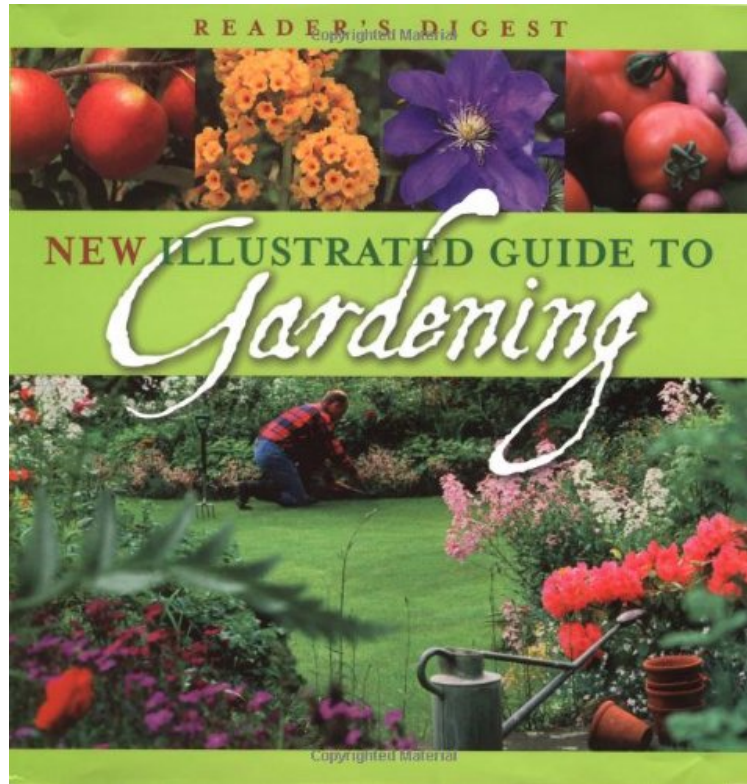


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**Editors of Reader's Digest : New Illustrated Guide to Gardening** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Illustrated Guide to Gardening:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Indispensible to the beginner, perhaps too broad for the experiencedBy EquesNigerLast year, my partner managed to get a wild hair up his backside and insisted that the balcony outside our home be somewhat more "green". To be honest, I'm incapable of telling a rose from a pansy, and, since I knew that the comprehensive task of planting and, more importantly, maintaining the d\*\*ned thing once it was put into place would fall on my shoulders, I quickly started a search for the best text I could find.I've relied on Readers' Digest in the past for such, and there was no disappointment in this case. The book is usefully divided into sections by plant category and use - i.e. roses get their own chapter and section while pansies are listed under another amongst others similar to its appearance and use. The voluminous book's text and information is highly useful, but the fact that it is heavily illustrated and filled with photographs is invaluable. This is particularly true in the sections dealing with diseases and a malady of the plant - I mean, how "yellow" is that already yellowish-green plant when it's unhealthy from over-watering, disease or some such? Anyway, long and short, we won the "balcony" award for the flat complex last year - despite being first timers and all.What's more, this book has actually made the whole process somewhat fun. This year, when it was announced that it was time to start the balcony again, I was actually quite looking forward to it, and even have a few ideas of my own.The subject matter is necessarily broad, and a more experienced gardner will likely find much of the material too basic to be more than a reference book. However, for

gardening novices like myself, it's perfect! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Species specific guide to over 700 plants. By Brian Rose This book has well illustrated pictures to SHOW (not tell) you how to propagate, root, air layer, fertilize, prune, plant, etc. for over 700 individual species of plant. Its not just "here's how to divide a perennial plant" instead it is "here's how to divide a *Philadelphus virginialis*". You will get species specific advice for 700 species of plant... that's AMAZING, and washes away the frustration other books give you when they lay out broad, general information as though all plant species are identical. I truly can't imagine how long it took to put this book together. The thousands of beautiful, hand drawn illustrations, thousands of vivid pictures, and depth of the text is striking. Whether you are growing crops, treating a lawn, a flower garden, food forest, hedging, perennial landscaping, it has it ALL. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Organic gardening? By woodrose7:11 This has been advertised as "gone organic". It's exactly the same, even pictures/sketches as the original, except for a very small section on beneficial insects in the back, a few of the more dangerous chemicals are deleted, and the whole houseplant section is gone. I have the old version, and I like it much better. If you have the old one, keep it. The "upgrade" is not worth the money. You'd be better off getting a "companion" book to go along with the original, such as Organic Gardening by Geoff Hamilton, which also has beautiful real photographs.

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