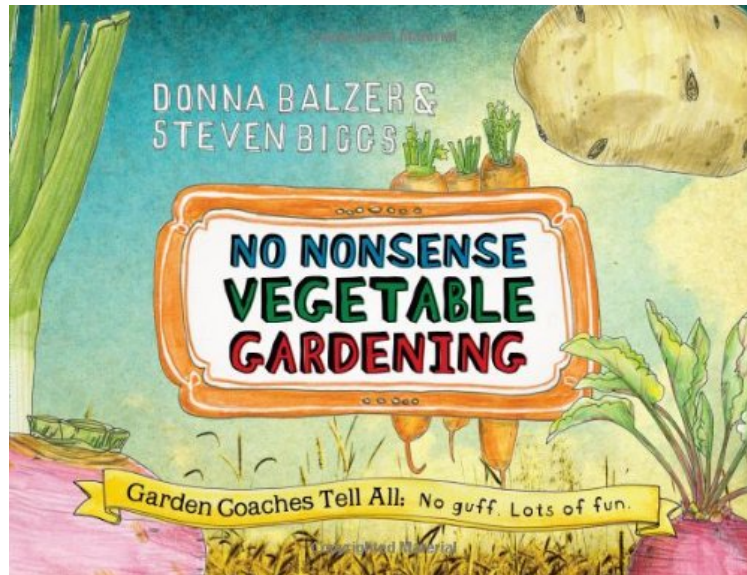


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Each page has an excellent and informative photo and/or fun, instructive art that reminds me of illustrations found in a good children's book. I have been an ornamental horticulturist for almost 40 years, have a couple science degrees, and been giving educational programs for decades and I can HIGHLY recommend this book - something I do not do often or lightly.

NO NONSENSE VEGETABLE GARDENING is an exuberant, design-driven garden gift book with useful, easy-to-digest information on every page. Simple, no-nonsense garden advice cuts through complexities and misinformation. The text is arranged around the whimsical Peter Rabbit-style illustrations and graphics of Mariko McCrae, and full-color photographs. The easy-access charts and he-says, she-says dialogue boxes take the science of gardening and put it into a language everyone can understand...and feel empowered by.

If you're looking for a fun refresher course on vegetable gardening that doesn't make you feel like you're back in a lecture hall, this is your book. No Nonsense Vegetable Gardening is a cheerful garden book with useful, easy-to-digest information on every page. This colorful book is perfect for the quirky gardener. About the Author Steven Biggs has a degree in horticulture, is a garden coach, writer and garden journalist. He publishes a monthly e-zine through his how-to website: www.the-Locavores-Garden.com. Donna Balzer has a degree in horticulture, and is a garden consultant, writer and CBC Radio call-in garden expert in her native Alberta, Canada. Her television show, Bugs and Blooms, is often re-run on HGTV.