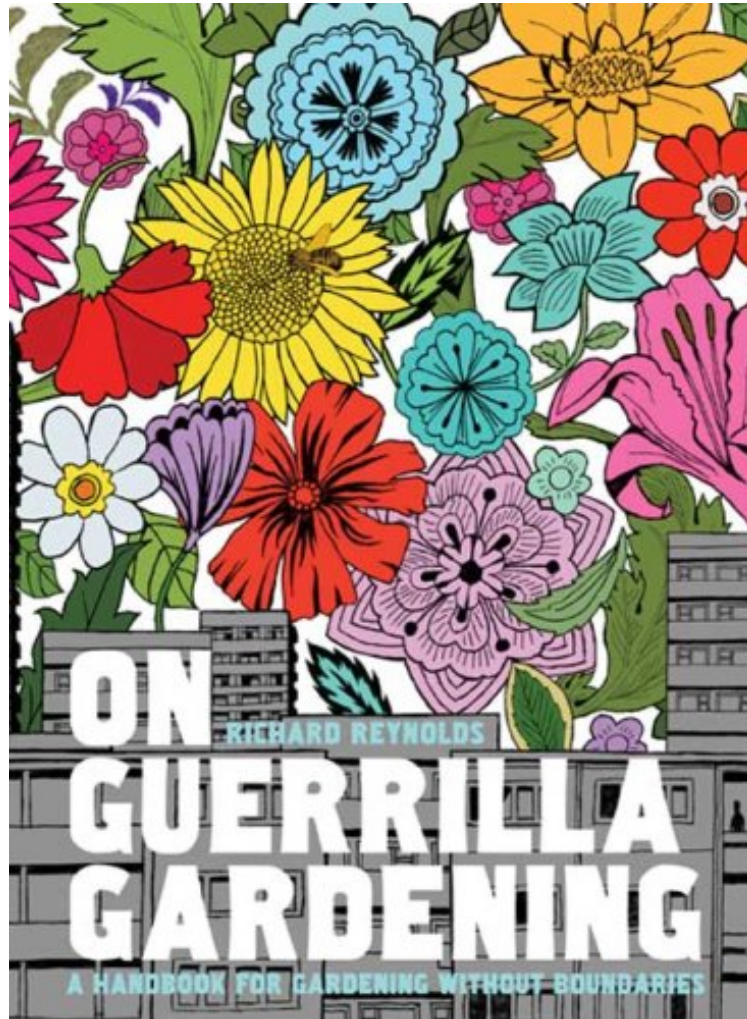


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Richard Reynolds : On Guerrilla Gardening: A Handbook for Gardening Without Boundaries before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised On Guerrilla Gardening: A Handbook for Gardening Without Boundaries:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good start. By Michael C. Archual The book On Guerrilla Gardening by Richard Reynolds is a great starting point for anyone who would be interested in becoming a guerrilla gardener. The book is divided into two parts, the first half is about the movement, and the second half is a manual on the subject. There was a lot of great information in the first half on how the movement began and how the author got started, as well as others. The second half was all about how to get started and to finally legitimize your guerrilla gardening

campaign. Also much of the book is written in UK slang which would sometimes make it hard to understand what the author was talking about without knowing what that slang meant. The book had a lot of pertinent information on the subject of guerrilla gardening but if you're looking for a book about how to maintain a garden I would look elsewhere. Overall I felt like the book was just one big glorification of the author and the website he had established on the subject: GuerrillaGardening.org. I wish the book was more encompassing and informative on the subject of gardening. One of the reasons I didn't like this book was because there's so little info on different techniques of gardening. The author even admits this in the texts and tells the reader to find another book that would have more information on the subjects he barely scratches the surface of. Most of the book was about how different people around the world started guerrilla gardens in their neighborhood and some of the difficulties they ran into while working on and starting their gardens. I liked that there was a lot of information on how to dress, act, and what to say during confrontations with local authorities, or owners of the land. Another great thing about the book is that he uses binomial nomenclature with the anglicized cultivar they used tagged on to it. The best parts of the book I found to be of interest was the different types of plants to use under certain conditions. They give a list of plants that work well under certain conditions and depending on what you want to do with your guerrilla garden. These include: colorful plants; incongruous plants; fragrant plants; drought-tolerant plants; shade-tolerant plants; poor-soil tolerant plants; alkaline-tolerant plants; wind-resistant plants; salt-resistant plants; underground plants; aerial plants; plant walls; weed suppressing plants; plants for fighting pests, tolerant plants; and defensive plants. Each of these sections of plants include at least three different species of plants that would work for your specific needs and wants for your guerrilla garden. Another great part of the book was the history of guerrilla gardening. It included the beginnings of the movement with Gerrard Winstanley in 1649 and John Chapman aka Johnny Appleseed in 1801. It also includes many of the struggles that New Yorkers had to go through to legitimize their guerrilla gardens to become community gardens. I think if you're looking to begin guerrilla gardening this book is a great place to start but if you would like more information on gardening, or how to create a landscape using plants and different apparatuses to create a picturesque garden I would try to find another book on gardening to supplement this reading. There's also a lot of websites mentioned in the book that I'm sure would be pertinent to the research.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Get the book and start planting! By GenoA magnificent guide, history and manifesto of Guerilla Gardening. I highly recommend the book and the activity! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not at all what I'd hoped it would be By ClassicMoviePalace When I ordered this book, I knew it was written by the individual who created guerrillagardening.org so I'd hoped it would be chock full of his experiences as a guerrilla gardener. It seemed that he was much more interested in belaboring the "guerrilla fighter" metaphor which I felt was perhaps deserving of a paragraph or two, not several chapters. I was hoping it would be more of a how to for those of us who are starting out. Thoroughly disappointed.

When Richard Reynolds began planting flowers secretly at night outside his tower block in South London he had no idea he was part of a growing global movement committed to combating the forces of neglect, land shortage and apathy towards public spaces. But his blog GuerrillaGardening.org attracted other guerrillas from around the world to share their experiences of the horticultural front line with him and become a focal point for guerrilla gardeners everywhere. On Guerrilla Gardening is a lively colourful treatise about why people illicitly cultivate land and how to do it. From discretely beautifying corners of Montreal to striving for green communal space in Berlin and sustainable food production in San Francisco, from small gestures of fun in Zurich to bold political statements in Brazil, cultivating land beyond your boundary is a battle many different people are fighting. Unearthed along the way are the movement's notable historic advances by seventeenth century English radicals, a nineteenth century American entrepreneur and artists in 1970s New York. Reynolds has researched the subject with guerrilla gardeners from thirty different countries and compiles their advice on what to grow, how to cope with adverse environmental conditions, how to seed bomb effectively and to use propaganda to win support. On Guerrilla Gardening gives entertaining inspiration, practical reference and no excuses for not getting out there and gardening.

From Publishers Weekly With the rallying cry, "Let's fight the filth with forks and flowers," this lighthearted guide is a seriously silly romp through the adventurous pastime of gardening other people's plots. Reynolds, after five months living in a 10-story tower block in London, missed gardening and began surreptitiously cultivating the planters in front of his building, gardening in the dead of night to avoid interference. He started a blog to share his delight in illicit gardening, and discovered he was part of an international movement. Reynolds draws inspiration from pioneers of the movement: New York community gardens built on vacant lots, dispossessed Honduran Chiquita workers who appropriated abandoned banana plantation land, and Gerrard Winstanley, founder of the short-lived but influential Diggers who, in the tumultuous year of 1649, planted beans and barley on public land in Surry, England, "that every one that is born in the land, may be fed by the Earth his Mother that brought him forth, according to the Reason that rules in the Creation." He borrows techniques from more infamous guerrillas such as Che Guevara and Mao Tse Tung ("the guerrilla 'must move with the fluidity of water and the ease of the blowing wind'"). Both a manifesto and a

manual (tips include how to build seed bombs and deal with pests unique to the guerrilla form of gardening: authorities and landowners), the book delights with tales of exploits from the anarchic, artistic community of guerrilla gardeners. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Calling up images of Mao Tse-tung and Che Guevara, Reynolds advocates for the guerrilla gardening movement with a handbook exhibiting an inquisitive nature, social concern, and an international perspective. The focus is on illicit activities, as Reynolds dismisses any gardening taking place with consent. He sets the tone with examples of his own efforts in London, and similar endeavors reaching from Milan to Chicago to Singapore, where individuals are inspired to enhance their communities by reclaiming garbage-strewn vacant lots, empty flower boxes, and neglected street-side strips of dirt. In tracing the history of the guerrilla gardening movement, be it for beautification or to grow food, Reynolds voice is ardent as he writes about Johnny Appleseed and the Digger colonies that provided sustenance in seventeenth-century England. Reynolds is most assured when advising readers on choosing specimens for planting their own guerrilla gardens and when expressing love for gardening. --Alice Joyce Whatever guerilla gardeners bring to life will be eaten and shared by someone or some animal. And that will further light the green fuse, as will getting a copy of this book. Better yet, read it and become one of the growing guerilla army. Alan Bisport, Hartford Advocate In tracing the history of the guerrilla gardening movement, be it for beautification or to grow food, Reynolds' voice is ardent as he writes about Johnny Appleseed and the Digger colonies that provided sustenance in fifteenth century England. Reynolds is most assured when advising readers on choosing specimens for planting their own guerrilla gardens and when expressing love for gardening. Booklist