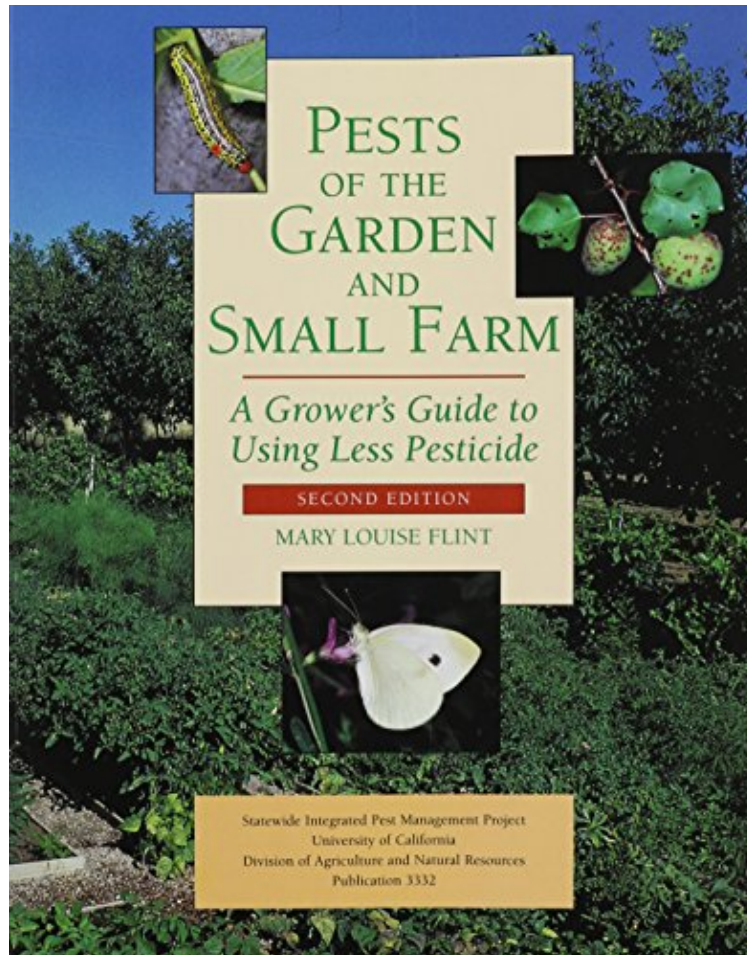


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From *Library Journal* This second and newly revised edition is an indispensable and authoritative manual for small-scale fruit and vegetable growers. Written by the director of the education and publication division of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Project, University of California at Davis, the guide comprehensively covers the biology of crop pests and their control through sound cultivation practices and a minimum use of pesticides. Incorporated in this edition is new information about horticultural oils, solarization techniques, and recently introduced biocontrols. Since it deals with crop pests in California, growers outside the state and other mild-temperate/subtropical regions might find some of the information (e.g., pests of citrus and avocado) irrelevant. The index to the book could have been more inclusive, with referencing of the scientific names of all pests described. Also, a list of the commercial sources for biological pesticides would have been very helpful. Nevertheless, this is an incomparable resource. An essential purchase for all horticultural collections, especially in the West. For general readers and specialists alike. *Brian Lym, City Coll. Lib. of San Francisco* Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. "University of California entomologist Mary Louise Flint has updated her classic *'Grower's Guide to Using Less Pesticide'*, making it even better! A spectacular job of summarizing low-spray management techniques. . . . Besides its comprehensiveness, the major virtue of *Pests of the Garden* is its clarity. Lots of color photographs showin pests and symptims complement the jargon-free text. . . . We recommend this book without reservation to all serious growers, as a textbook for self-paced study and as a reference guide without peer."--*Whole Earth* About the Author Mary Louise Flint is the Director of the Education and Publication Division of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Project, University of California, Davis. She is the author of *Pests of the Garden and Small Farm* (California, 1995) now in second edition. Steve H. Dreistadt is Senior Writer at the IPM Project. He and Flint are coeditors of *Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs* (1994).