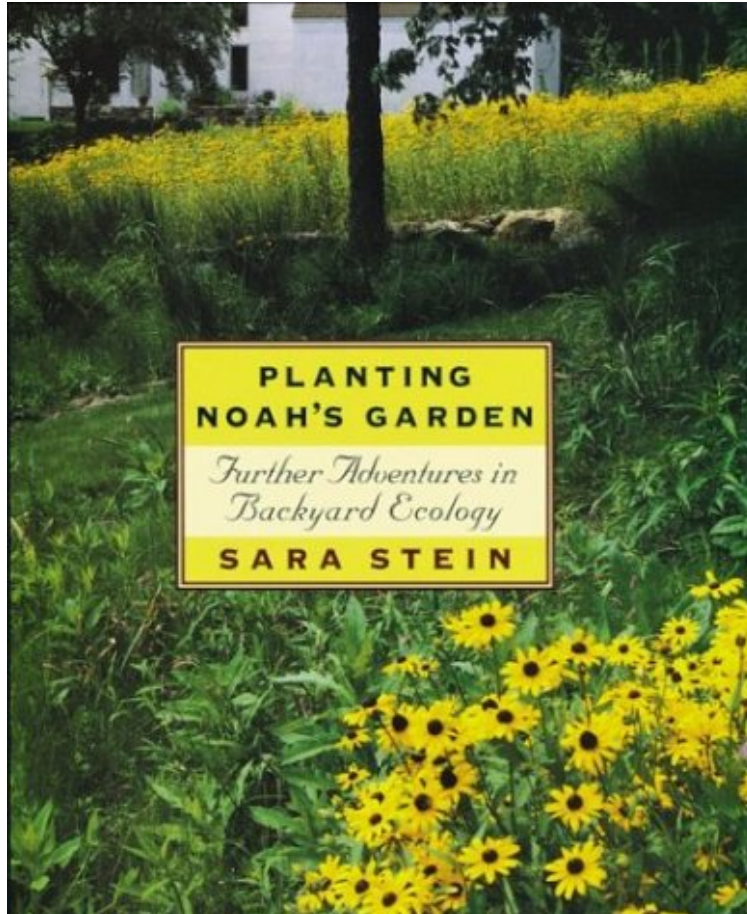


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Sara B. Stein : Planting Noah's Garden: Further Adventures in Backyard Ecology before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Planting Noah's Garden: Further Adventures in Backyard Ecology:

23 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Thought-provoking...worth every pennyBy DNPI bought this book because I have two children and one of the other reviewers spoke about how the author views children as part of the "mega fauna" of a landscape and gives her suggestions on how to make an interesting outdoor "habitat" for them, so to speak. In addition, I've always tried to take an ecologically sound approach to landscaping in my yard by gardening organically. Truth to tell, I never really thought about whether or not it's ecologically sound to plant mostly exotic plants in my yard versus native ones. I congratulated myself that I let a meadow emerge in my back yard when I moved in. I never gave much thought to exactly what was growing in it. I've always believed that it is just plain wrong to collect plants from the wild...but are there times when it is not only justified but perhaps actually beneficial? If so, when?In any case, the book definitely stretched my perceptions and gave me a whole lot to think about in terms of my

own typical, "newly developed" suburban lot. I felt like the chapter about the author's niece, also about such a suburban lot, could have been about my own. I recommend this book to anyone interested in gardening or ecology...and even those not currently interested could probably benefit! Worth every penny I paid...not just an enjoyable read, but a very informative one. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wish I'd read Noah's Garden first. By katydid. At a native gardening workshop I attended recently, the presenter said that she loved Noah's Garden, but that this book - *Planting Noah's Garden* - was an even better book. I hadn't read either, and so I decided to go with the one that she said was best. It's a bit hard to fully understand the context without having read the first book. However, I like Sara's practical approach to gardening, and the way she questions some advice from traditional landscapers, instead looking at how plants grow in the wild, and using that as her guide. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I'm a gardener I now allow a lot of volunteers ... By Howard K. Pfeferman. I'm a gardener I now allow a lot of volunteers to grow in my yard where I haven't been able to get things to grow without a lot of soil amendment and expense.

Sarah Stein's brilliant book *Noah's Garden* placed the author at the forefront of the new field of ecological gardening. Now, in *Planting Noah's Garden*, she tells the even more fascinating story of the many ways people in all parts of the country are redesigning their surroundings to welcome back the birds, butterflies, fireflies, and other creatures driven away by the sterility of the typical suburban landscape. In the second half of the book she offers specific information readers will find nowhere else: how to learn the common flora of your region; how to handle group wholesale orders; how to kill invasive plants; how to collect and plant wild seeds; how to start a tree island; how to plan a patio habitat - and much, much more. *Planting Noah's Garden* is both a call to action and a blueprint for a new gardening aesthetic.

.com In *Noah's Garden*, published in 1994, gardener and writer Sara Stein addressed the business of making a messy backyard--of restoring a naturally chaotic and dynamic "floral-faunal-microbial system" in the place of neatly tended, carefully selected and weeded, and ultimately artificial gardens. Just as charmingly written as its predecessor, *Planting Noah's Garden* furthers Stein's campaign to make lawns animated, full of disorder, life, and wildness. Studded with ringing tributes to alumroot, trillium, goldenrod, bellworts, and mayflowers, this is a lovely gardener's manifesto. Packed with practical instructions for planning and maintaining a garden of one's own, it's also wonderful entertainment for anyone with a green thumb. From *Library Journal*. In *Noah's Garden* (LJ 4/1/93), Stein described how she rehabilitated her landscape in Westchester County, New York, by reintroducing native plants and other features designed to attract and support wildlife. This sequel relates her experiences in lecturing around the country and meeting other gardeners who are putting her recommendations into practice. She also expands upon the complexities of reestablishing native habitats. For example, it's not enough simply to let fields and woods go "wild" when they are already choked by invasive alien species such as the frightening "mile-a-minute" vine. The answer lies in researching plants native to the locale, replanting, and removing weeds. The results often run counter to traditional gardening tastes, e.g., poison ivy, a native plant that feeds wildlife, is good, while barberry, which invades woodlands, is bad. But this will surely become a bible for anyone interested in a rehabilitation project, as it provides a wealth of information. Recommended for all gardening collections. ?Beth Clewis Crim, Prince William P.L., Va. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Sara Stein is the author of many books, including *My Weeds*, *The Evolution Book*, *The Science Book*, and, of course, *Noah's Garden*. She lives in Pound Ridge, New York.