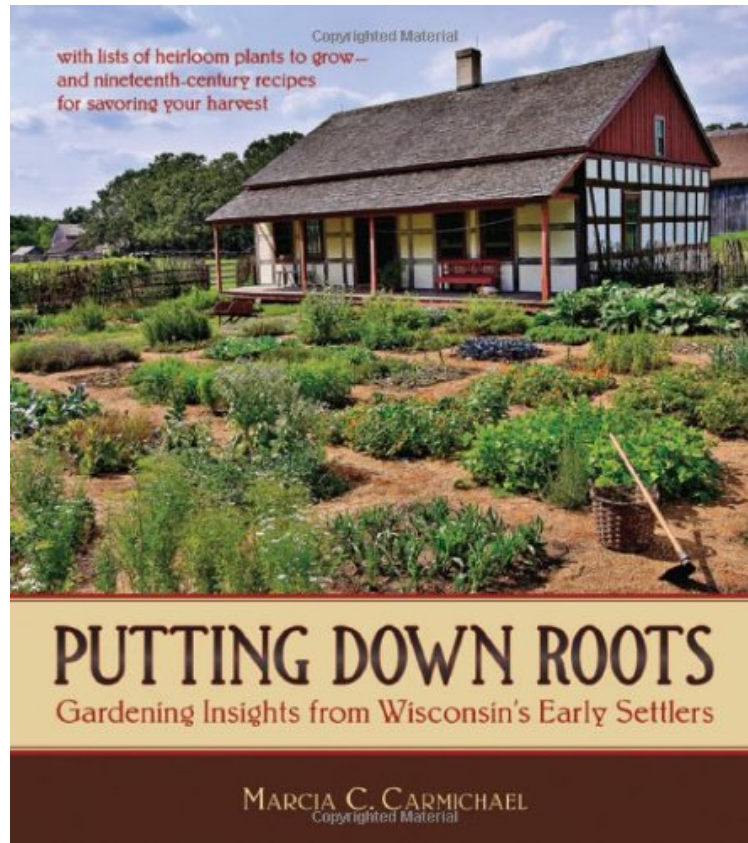


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Culture and history can be passed from one generation to the next through the food we eat, the vegetables and fruits

we plant and harvest, and the fragrant flowers and herbs that enliven our gardens. The plants our ancestors grew tell stories about their way of life.

"In a time when people are increasingly concerned about organic gardening practices and the need for more variety in our plants for the health of the planet, Carmichael shows readers the value in drawing from the past for the good of the present. For avid gardeners and simple admirers of other peoples gardens alike, Putting Down Roots is an absorbing book of Wisconsin's history and culture." (Jennifer Fandel, ForeWord s)How do you read a garden? Read it the way Marcia Carmichael does and you'll learn about so much more than plants. Her rich, readable guide to the historical gardens at Old World Wisconsin explores the multi-layered meanings of food in nineteenth-century life. This is real-life, everyday history not dates and titles, but seeds, tools, recipes, and meals that illustrate immigrant hopes, values, and traditions. Putting Down Roots is an entrancing heirloom feast for today's cooks, gardeners, and food history buffs. (Terese Allen, coauthor of The Flavor of Wisconsin and Organic Valley Food Editor)For anyone interested in gardening or cooking with heirlooms, Putting Down Roots is a marvelous resource. If you can't visit Old World Wisconsin in person, this book is the next best thing to being there. Recipes such as black salsify salad, potato candy, and more recapture the flavors of Wisconsin's past. What a treat! (Shelley Ryan, host of The Wisconsin Gardener on Wisconsin Public Television)