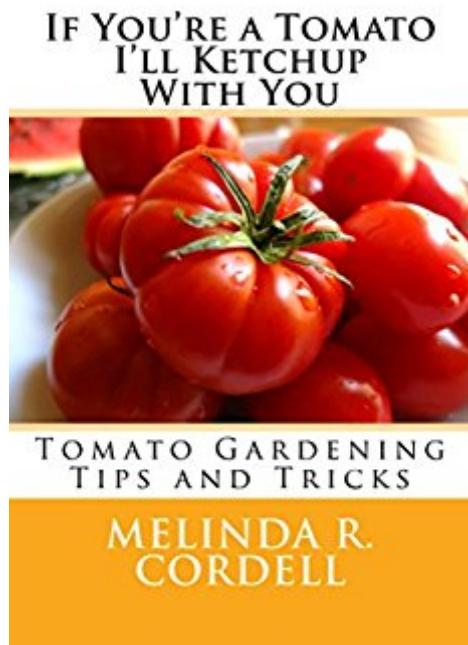


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If You're A Tomato I'll Ketchup With You: Tomato Gardening Tips And Tricks (Easy-Growing Gardening Guide Book 3)



Synopsis

The National Gardening Association has found that, among vegetable gardeners, tomatoes are their favorite plant to grow. One in three Americans have a vegetable garden, and 9 out of 10 of those gardens have tomatoes in them. Tomatoes range in size from gigantic beefsteak tomatoes that can weigh up to a half-pound, to the smallest cherry tomato about the size of a marble. You can grow heavy-yielding hybrids or open-pollinated heirloom varieties in different colors, shades, and sizes. You can choose early varieties that set fruit when it's cool outside, mid-season varieties, and late-maturing varieties that will give you the biggest fruits but take 80 to 90 days to do it. Sometimes you'll need about 120 days to get a decent harvest, but hey, at least you get tomatoes! Tomatoes are so versatile and so good. You can cook them a million different ways or you can eat them, sun-warmed and delicious, straight off the vine. Some people grab a cherry tomato, a leaf of basil, and a slice of mozzarella cheese, and eat them like that. Welcome to the world of tomato gardening. There's nothing as sweet and good as a sun-warmed tomato fresh from the garden on a hot summer afternoon. It's no wonder that tomatoes are the most popular vegetable in America (though botanically, tomatoes are a fruit). Cordell's book walks you through the steps in raising tomatoes — through starting tomato seeds, planting (and tricks for planting tomatoes early), and staking and caging tomatoes. Readers learn how to fight off diseases and insect pests, decipher the mysterious letters on a tomato tag, how to harvest tomatoes, and how to dry, can, or freeze tomatoes for next year. With plenty of information for advanced gardeners, ready help for beginning gardeners, lots of expert knowledge, and a smidgeon of wit, *If You're a Tomato* will guide you in the ways of the vegetable garden with a minimum of fuss and feathers. And also with a minimum of weeding. Nobody likes weeding.

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Not only is the name adorable but the book is wonderful. It's book three out of six in the Easy Growing Gardening Series. I found this book to be an extremely valuable resource about tomatoes. Everything you want to know about tomatoes is in this book. Types of tomatoes, how to plant, protection from insects, how to save seeds, etc. You name it and it's most likely in this book. As a master gardener and a tomato lover, I really thought that this book would be a waste of time. Well I was wrong, big time. A wonderful addition to your gardening book collection. I voluntarily reviewed an advance copy of this book.

This book is easy to read and full of great advice on growing tomatoes from starting seeds to harvesting and preserving your bounty. Great photo examples of problems you might face and ways to correct them. I also love the illustrations the antique photos took me back to fond memories with my grandparents who started my love for gardening.

For the last three years, I have been plagued with some sort of blight. (Not me personally, my

tomatoes) So, as my way obviously isn't working, and after reading both Melinda's vegetable and rose books, (the latter being very good) I read through this and decided, I've nothing to lose by trying it her way. Everything has been prepared using tips from this book, along with the added safeguard of bug bombing the greenhouse. So Ms. Cordell, the proof of the tomato will be in the eating. (No pressure). I really enjoy Melinda's gardening books. They are packed with straight forward advice and information from one passionate gardener to another. One thing, a contents page would have been helpful, so that I could flick directly to whatever piece of advice I might need at the time.

Cute little book with a lot of information about tomatoes. Just about anything you would want to know about them. It also gives you samples of other books she has written as a bonus.

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