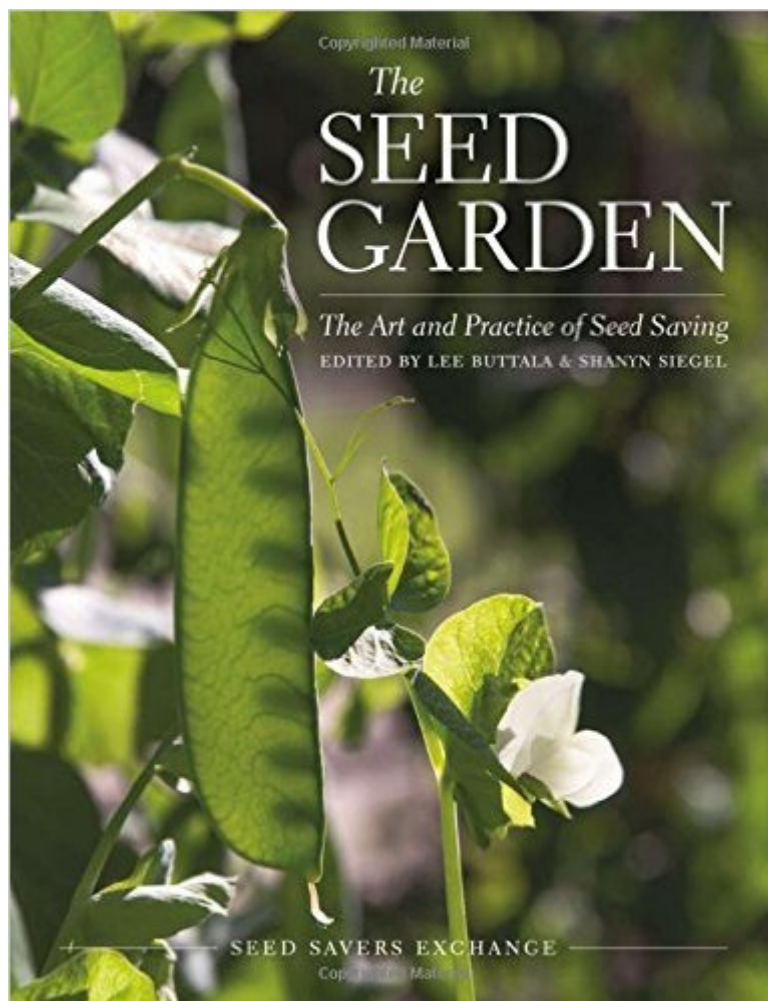


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# The Seed Garden: The Art And Practice Of Seed Saving



## Synopsis

Filled with advice for the home gardener and the more seasoned horticulturist alike, *The Seed Garden: The Art and Practice of Seed Saving* provides straightforward instruction on collecting seed that is true-to-type and ready for sowing in next year's garden. In this comprehensive book, Seed Savers Exchange, one of the foremost American authorities on the subject, and the Organic Seed Alliance bring together decades of knowledge to demystify the time-honored tradition of saving the seed of more than seventy-five coveted vegetable and herb crops—from heirloom tomatoes and long-favored varieties of beans, lettuces, and cabbages to centuries-old varieties of peppers and grains. With clear instructions, lush photographs, and easy-to-comprehend profiles on individual vegetable crops, this book not only teaches us how to go about conserving these important varieties for future generations and for planting out in next year's garden, it also provides a deeper understanding of the importance of saving these genetically valuable varieties of vegetables that have evolved over the centuries through careful selection by farmers and home gardeners. Through simple lessons and master classes on crop selection, pollination, roguing, and the processes of harvesting and storing seeds, this book ensures that these time-honored traditions can continue. Many of these vegetable varieties are treasured for traits that are singular to their strain, whether that is a resistance to disease, an ability to grow well in a region for which that crop is not typically well suited, resistance to early bolting, or simply because it is a great-tasting variety. In an age of genetically modified crops and hybrid seed, a growing appreciation for saving seeds of these time-tested, open-pollinated cultivars has found a new audience from home vegetable gardeners and cooks to restaurant chefs and local farmers. Whether interested in simply saving seeds for home use or working to conserve rare varieties of beloved squashes and tomatoes, this book provides a deeper understanding of the art, the science, and the joy of saving seeds.

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## Customer Reviews

Reading this book now. i'm very impressed. Its a very rich book with a good deal of detail and quality pictures. i especially liked the species focused information. This helps not only seed management, but understanding specific plants better in the garden. Definitely a great book and great reference for my garden library.

This is a huge book! Beautiful pictures and tons of information for the beginning seed saver. Easy to follow instructions that include step-by-step and color photos. I am impressed!

It's a great book and super informative. It provides all the information I was looking for and then some. I can now confidently save the seeds from my garden. I am already planning next years garden with the tips and information I gained by reading this book.

I like to collect gardening books, so this is a good one to have. Beautiful pics and so on. It is not quite as easy to navigate for seed saving as one would like to think. Really have to dig around in the book to find what you are looking for, but it's definitely a nice resource if you have the time for looking thru the entire book.

We who grow and love heirlooms have the Seed Savers Exchange, formed in 1975, to thank for the incredible array of varieties that we who garden in 2016 get to choose from. When I discovered and joined the organization in 1986, little did I know how deeply it would change not only my gardening focus, but my life. Our gardens became so much more than sources of healthy, delicious vegetables - they became living museums, sources of stories and wonder, signposts of the past. A deep dive into heirloom gardening requires understanding of how plants produce seeds, how to save those seeds, and how to ensure that we preserve the integrity of such precious varieties so that they can be maintained, shared with others. This fine book sets the standard for all gardeners with an interest in saving the past so that it can survive into the future. It is a great reference book, well written, attractive, and destined for a lifetime of use.

love this book filled with almost all the information I needed

Was not what I was expecting. Very little information on the actual way to save seeds. It has a lot of info on growing plants for seeds if that is what you are looking for. I just want to know how to save the seeds for next year.

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