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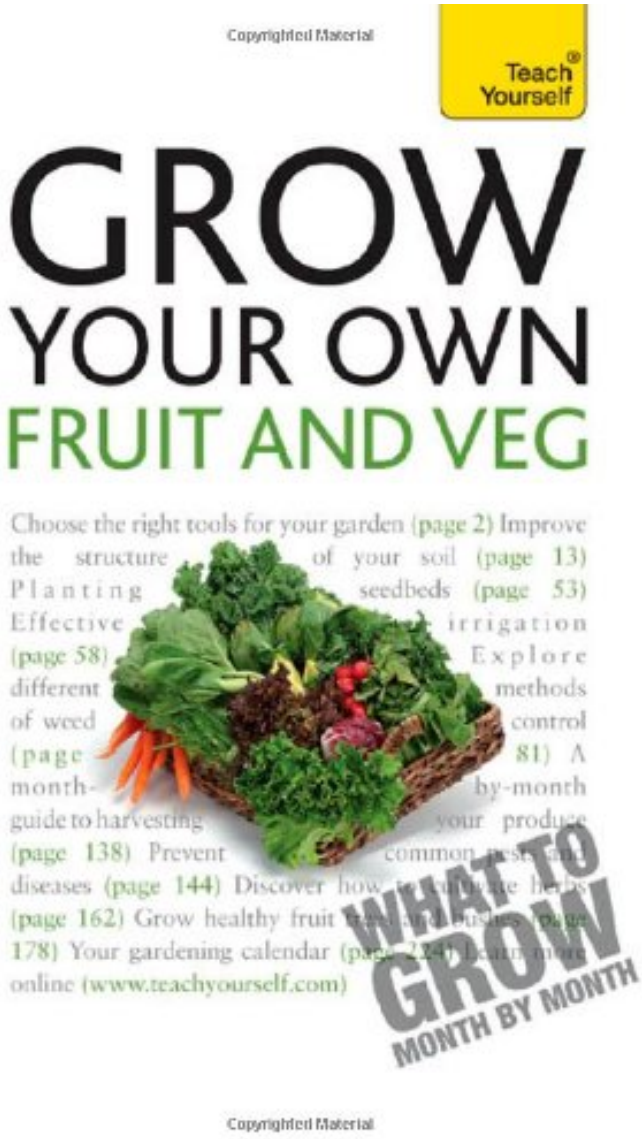

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wishing to grow fresh produce in any patch of earth, be it garden, allotment or series of containers. This book gives specific instructions on when, where and how to grow and maintain various fruit and vegetables, from the more basic to the exotic, without the use of chemicals. It includes an A-Z list of plants together with ease of growth ratings and an approach that welcomes involvement from the whole family. Whatever your plans for home-grown fruit and vegetables this is the essential guide. Grow Your Own Fruit and Veg includes: Chapter 1: Tools What you will need Chapter 2: Soil types Soil pH and what it means to the gardener Chapter 3: Soil preparation Soil profile Cultivation Chapter 4: Manure, compost and fertilizers Sources of manure Garden compost Leaf mould Worm compost Green manure Fertilizers Chapter 5: Seed sowing and plant raising Sowing in pots and trays indoors Sowing seed outdoors Transplanting in the open ground Chapter 6: Watering Under glass Cloches Outside Conservation of water Chapter 7: Growing in containers and raised beds Growing medium Containers Deep raised beds Growing bags Chapter 8: Planning your garden Crop rotations What size of plot do I need? Chapter 9: Weeds What are weeds? Controlling weeds Chapter 10: Vegetable varieties Choosing your vegetables Brassicas Legumes Roots - carrot family Roots - onion family Others Monthly list of produce available Chapter 11: Common pests and diseases Potatoes Carrots Other root vegetables Onions Other vegetables Chapter 12: Herbs The cultivation of herbs Descriptive list and cultivation notes Chapter 13: Fruit Growing fruit Soft fruit Top fruit Learn effortlessly with an easy-to-read page design and new added features: - Shows you what to plant and when - Gives you tips and techniques for success - Offers a full list of plants, from A to Z - Brand new edition, with personal insights, tips, energising self-tests and summaries throughout the book - Extension articles online - Every book gives you one, five and ten-minute bites of learning to get you started

About the AuthorMichael Thurlow is a respected authority on organic gardening and the head gardener at Audley End House and Gardens. He has overseen the restoration of the Victorian walled kitchen garden, combining Victorian and modern methods to produce organic fruit and vegetables all year round.