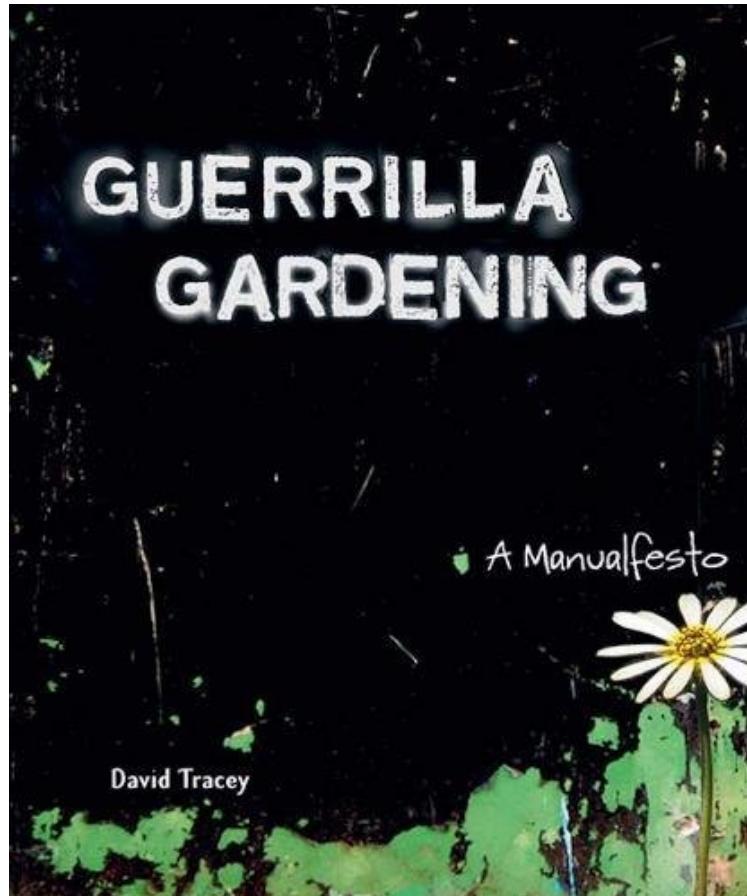


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freedoms!)5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good book, but more pictures/illustrations would helpBy C. BarnardI liked this book as it was a good read on a topic which has the ability to be over written. The book covers the philosophy of guerrilla gardening, has a few pictures, and numerous accounts from other people involved in guerrilla gardening. I feel the accounts are the strong point of this book as it has community garden leaders, public officials, and other peoples views on guerrilla gardening. It really gives you a good basis on the issue of greening our cities. There's also a lot of info on potential grow sites, asking permission, recommended plants, and many other gardening basics.The weak point of this book is the lack of color photographs and illustrations. I know that guerrilla gardening is pretty straight forward, but inclusion of pictures can really help get the juices flowing.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Poorly-writtenBy AdrienneThis book is very poorly-written. Each paragraph is a random tangent or non sequitur. It is so bad that it seems as though this book was written by the author in one drug-induced manic episode.I really do appreciate the content, but a good Editor would have left much of this text on the cutting room floor.

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