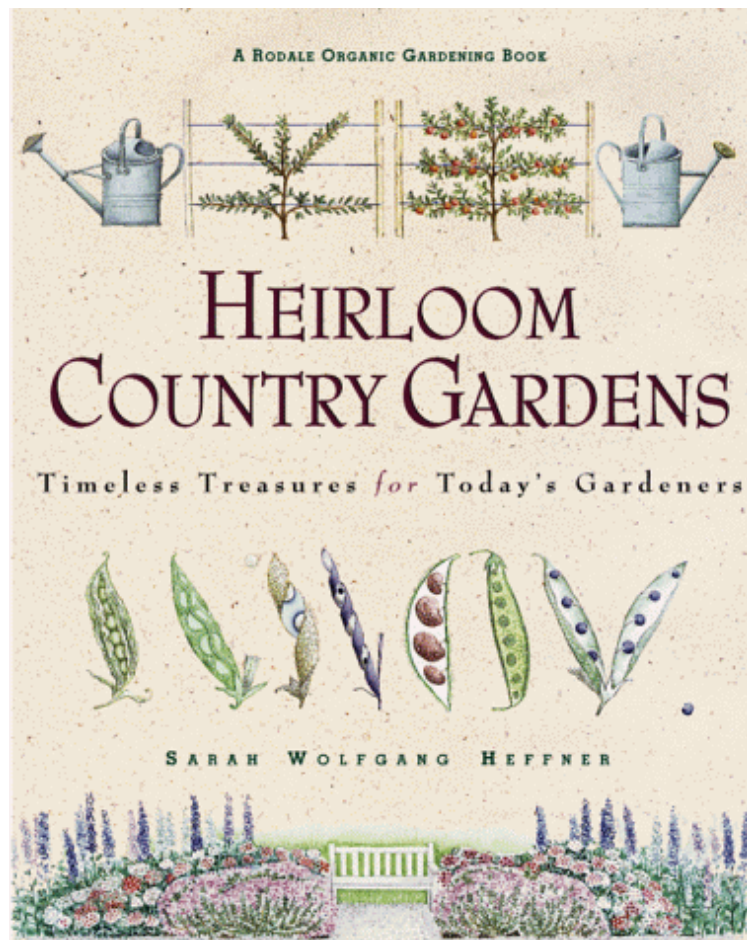


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**Sarah Wolfgang Heffner : Heirloom Country Gardens: Timeless Treasures for Today's Gardeners (Rodale Organic Gardening Books)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Heirloom Country Gardens: Timeless Treasures for Today's Gardeners (Rodale Organic Gardening Books):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. This is what I should have started with!By A. RyanIn establishing my first-ever vegetable garden this year, I gradually became aware of the world of heirlooms through catalog sources and brief mentions in other books. If I had only started out with Heirloom Country Gardens: Timeless Treasures for Today's Gardeners, I would have been inspired to double my growing space to include the gorgeous flowers and kitchen edibles described in this book.The first section is devoted to exploring the most typical varieties of heirloom gardens; starting with historical tidbits, followed by planting and growing tips, and ending with a sample layout for

21st Century gardeners complete with suggested varieties. Next, we have categorical descriptions of vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers alongside the author's notes on recommended strains. This section actually comprises more than half the book and is a great introduction for beginners. Following up are tips and general guidelines for heirloom gardening, including seed saving and organic techniques. This is strongly stressed throughout the book as important aspects of preserving our heritage of genetic diversity in crops and sound stewardship of the planet's resources. This isn't going to cover the complete world of heirlooms (is that even possible?), but the novice reader will have had enough to digest with what is presented here. It will be as if a whole new world has been exposed behind the well-advertised facade of hybrids and chemical-based gardening. Fortunately, it is also presented in clear, direct language that neither overwhelms nor dumbs down the subject for newcomers to heirloom gardening. A very motivating and useful guide that I will be sure to revisit often!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great source material for serious gardener!

By Dr. John T. Webb Rodale has always been a better than average guide for nearly all vegetable life, and some animal too. I wish I had found this book forty years ago. It has influenced several changes in my garden selections and how I tend my garden. ALL TO A VAST IMPROVEMENT!

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By SAJI enjoyed the historical information on plants and gardens

Heirloom plants are the varieties grown in our grandparents' gardens, before hybridization created standard plants with less variety. These "antique" plants are coming into vogue with many gardeners who enjoy the nostalgia and boundless diversity of heirloom plants. Heirloom Country Gardens offers a plan to grow these beautiful plants to their best advantage. This unique guide focuses on 6 heirloom garden designs created especially for this book. It includes regional garden styles from the plantation South to New England kitchen gardens. Readers will gain inspiration from experts such as William Ways Weaver and Kent Whealy of Seed Savers Exchange. Chapters on projects and 19 "living history" recipes add the finishing touch, from forming a rustic arbor to Iroquois Roasted Corn soup. Readers will delight at the extensive reference section which includes directories of the best heirloom flowers, herbs, vegetables and fruits available. Lavish 4-color photos and illustrations attest to the pleasure of designing, planting, and enjoying an heirloom garden.