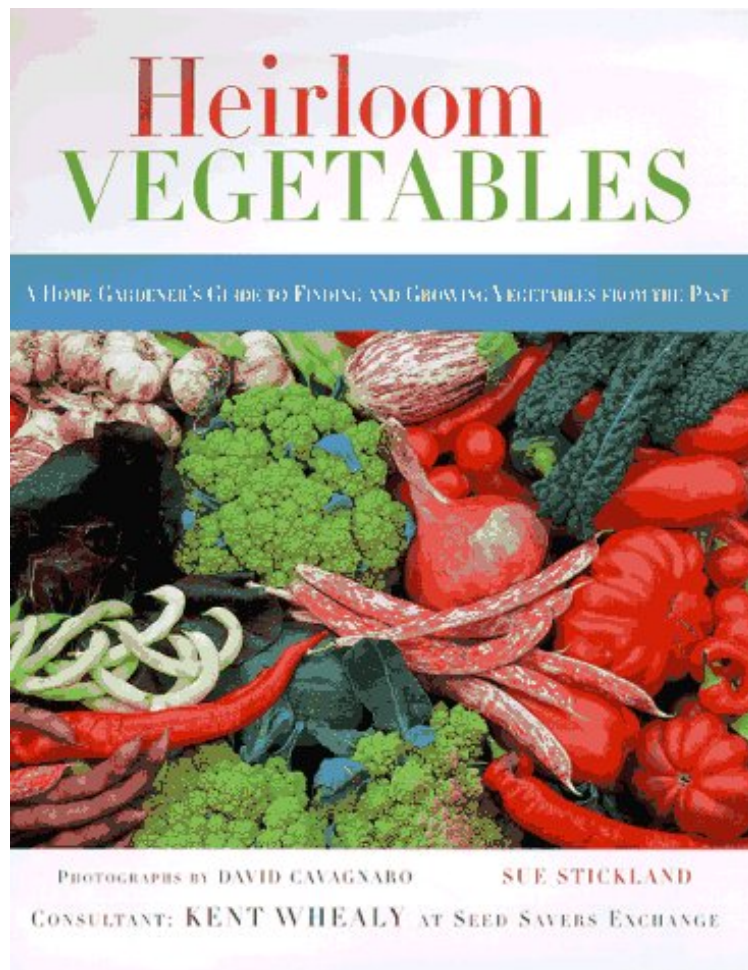


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origins of different food crops, followed by an explanation of the importance of preserving in the face of increasing pressure for uniformity. She continues with a discussion of gene banks and seed saving organizations and basic seed saving techniques for the home gardener. The book ends with a directory of heirloom vegetable varieties and a resources list to help you find them, as well as references for further reading. Every time I open this book I am inspired. To me this is what home gardening is all about - unique and delicious food grown in a sustainable manner. BTW, I agree with the reviewer who said it could use updating in the resource section, but a quick online search using the names in the resources gets you where you need to go, if the company/organization has a website (some still do not).

Endorsed by the world-famous Seed Savers Exchange, an international organization for promoting and conserving plant diversity, "Heirloom Vegetables" is a beautifully illustrated, authoritative, and practical guide to growing and preserving more than 350 varieties of old-fashioned edible plants. Garden Book Club Alternate. 62 photos, 42 in color National print radio publicity. .

.com The very act of vegetable gardening implies a sense of care for the environment and a desire to control one's own food supply. There is a huge diversity of vegetable varieties available, but many gardeners have been limited by seed supplies to a few industrially engineered hybrids that lack the natural pest tolerance, environmental range, and flavor of the older types. In recent years, however, a cadre of dedicated natural gardeners such as Sue Stickland have begun to spread the word about heirloom vegetables that used to be grown by farmers and home gardeners, their seeds preserved by organizations such as the Seed Savers Exchange. Heirloom Vegetables offers a wealth of historical and practical information about these varieties: where to find them, how to select the right ones for your garden, and how to ensure their growth. It's an excellent addition to any serious gardener's library. From Booklist Before the not-so-future designer gene banks for humans are established now come the very real repositories for seeds of vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Stickland, along with consultant Whealy (one of the founders of Seed Savers Exchange), proffers a much-needed introduction for gardeners and chefs who realize that variety is more than just the spice of life. Here is the rationale for preserving vegetable beginnings--and the penalty for not doing so; in the space of 10 years, the authors estimate, more than two-thirds of nonhybrid vegetable varieties disappeared from popular catalogs. Add to the proselytizing some true, hard data: a discussion of corporate involvement, breeding trends, and legal and illegal sproutings, among other topics. Yet an even more functional resource follows: a directory--complete with description, germination time, cultivation, best use, and suppliers--that could easily go solo as a welcomed reference. Barbara Jacobs