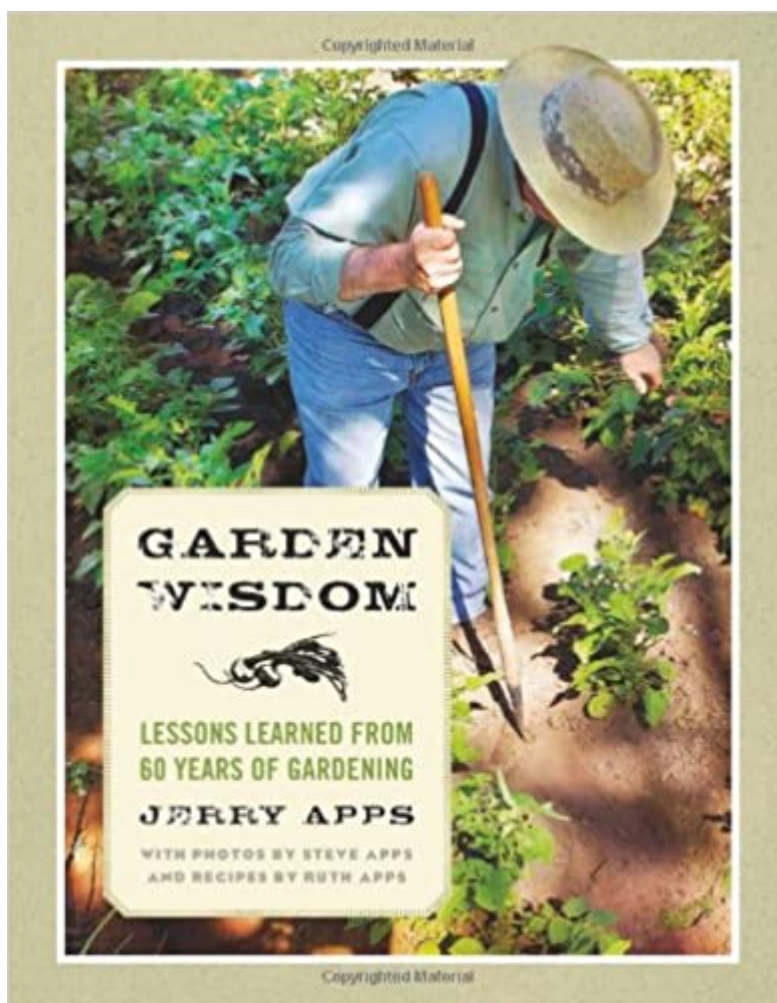


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# Garden Wisdom: Lessons Learned From 60 Years Of Gardening



## Synopsis

Step into the garden with writer and rural historian Jerry Apps. In this treasure trove of tips, recollections, and recipes, Jerry combines his hard-earned advice for garden success with a discussion of how tending a garden leads to a deeper understanding of nature and the land. From planning and planting to fending off critters and weeds, he walks us through the gardening year, imbuing his story with humor and passion and once again reminding us that working even a small piece of land provides many rewards. Gardening has always been a group endeavor for the Apps family. In *Garden Wisdom*, readers will learn gardening basics along with Jerry's grandchildren as they become a new generation of gardeners. They'll devour Ruth's recipes for preparing and preserving fresh garden veggies—from refrigerator pickles to rutabaga pudding. And they'll savor son Steve's beautiful color photographs, capturing the bounty of the family garden throughout the growing season.

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Want to know how to transplant tomatoes, hoe a row of rutabaga, or put up a peck of pickled peppers? There's an Apps for that! Having spent a lifetime growing all manner of vegetables at various farms and homesteads across his native Wisconsin, Apps has accumulated a wealth of practical information based on personal experience that can benefit vegetable gardeners everywhere. Although it includes helpful chapters on planning, planting, and even preserving a hearty vegetable harvest, this is less of a traditional how-to gardening manual and more of a

treasured garden memoir, as Apps fondly recalls halcyon days spent gardening beside self-taught grandparents and parents and extols the rewards of sharing this handed-down wisdom with his own children and grandchildren. Along with engaging tidbits of historical lore about everything from brussels sprouts to zucchini, Apps shares his wife Ruth's recipes for delectable treats such as Rhubarb Cream Pie and Chocolate Sauerkraut Cake. As informative as it is entertaining, Apps' heartfelt chronicle transforms the standard gardening guidebook into a deeply personal appreciation for nature's bounty. --Carol Haggas

"Whether sharing boyhood memories, the times he spent gardening with his children and grandchildren, or his knowledge of growing vegetables and fruits, Apps combines memoir, useful information, and gardening philosophy with warmth and humor." (Library Journal)"Those who have also grown to love the slow rhythms and quiet satisfactions of growing one's own food will enjoy the company of his recollections. The collection is filled with humorous anecdotes and quiet observations of the cycle of life in the humble vegetable patch plus an unexpected recipe for sorghum cookies. The pleasures he discovers in the garden come through on each page." (Publishers Weekly)"Want to know how to transplant tomatoes, hoe a row of rutabaga, or put up a peck of pickled peppers? There's an Apps for that! . . . As informative as it is entertaining, Apps' heartfelt chronicle transforms the standard gardening guidebook into a deeply personal appreciation for nature's bounty." (Booklist)"Jerry Apps has tapped into the wisdom of five generations of family from his grandparents to his grandchildren to create a richly personal and practical guide to growing, storing, and using foodstuffs in the Badger State. This is a wonderful book for all Wisconsin gardeners." (Jerry Minnich, author of The Wisconsin Garden Guide and The Rodale Book of Composting)"Jerry Apps sets the stage and draws readers in for a crop-by-crop, season-by-season saga as old as home vegetable gardening itself. He weaves the tale using the perfect balance of experience, folklore, and science. The UW Extension background of this husband and wife team lends added credibility to their gardening methods and recipes alike. In the end you feel more a part of the society of gardeners everywhere and a little bit a part of the Apps family." (Sharon Morrissey, UW Extension Consumer Horticulture Agent and cohost of Milwaukee FOX6-TV's Wake-up News gardening segments)"Winner, Midwest Independent Publishers Association Midwest Books Awards (Nature)"

I preordered this book because I wanted to make sure I got to read it before spring. It's filled with

great information for those of us who haven't garden before or maybe failed in the past. He gives specific information about the varieties of vegetables he plants, how he plants, how big his garden is and the space necessary for different kinds of plants. He also shares the mistakes he's made over the years. I enjoyed reading about the animals eating off his garden and how he solved this issue. I have already ordered my seeds and my cabot strawberry plants. I'm hoping my garden turns out this year, especially the strawberry plants. Last year I got one strawberry off my plant all year. When I went to eat it, a wasp had beaten me to the punch.

I have to tell you that one of my cousins showed up at a family meeting with the cookies. Oh, my goodness! They even beat my mom's ginger snaps! We have been making hers for years and sharing them with everyone... but now am worried that the sorghum cookie recipe will turn into the favorite! Love the descriptions of gardening and I use them for my garden. Very practical and well presented. But, that doesn't beat the cookie recipe!!

Garden Wisdom is a great read while waiting out this long winter. It makes me anxious to get out into the garden.

I read this book to my 93 year old Mother and she loved it.

Jerry Apps is one good writer - I enjoyed this book, plus learned some lessons and received a lot of good information

At least half of the book is devoted to various recipes. I didn't want a cookbook. Enjoyed the garden section.

I need all the help I can get in the garden, and loved this book. Great item - it was exactly what it said it was, came in great packaging, and I was very pleased with my purchase.

Good o;d fashioned garden information.

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