

This is summer

gardens

Just as the keen cook has favourite recipe books, gardeners will find comfort and ideas in the pages of these new titles and established favourites

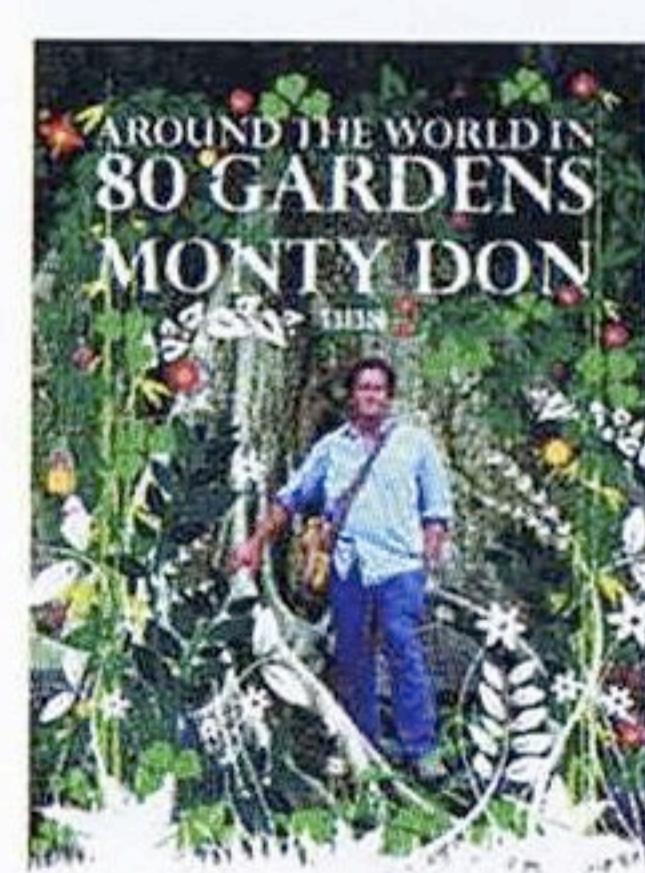
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Moro East

by Sam and Sam Clark
(£25, Ebury Press)

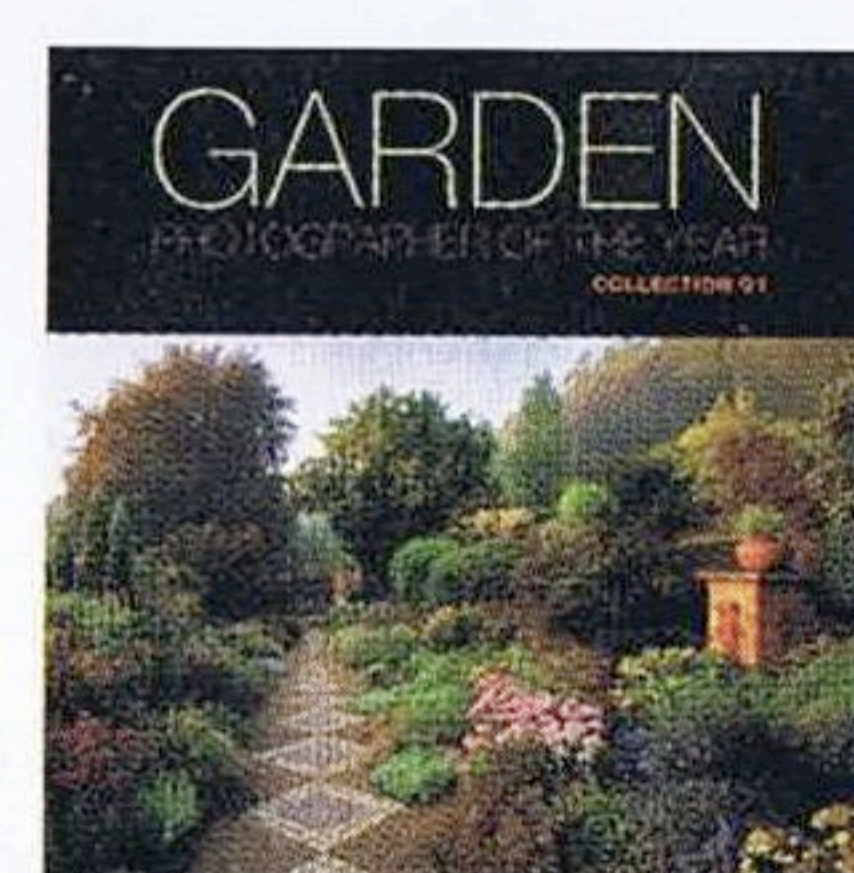
A year in the life of an East End allotment owned by the couple behind Moro. Their project is a grown-up version of *Jamie at Home*. With hints and recipes donated by their Turkish and Cypriot allotment neighbours, at last we can all enjoy a tasty use for those surplus leaves and green tomatoes.



Around the World in 80 Gardens

by Monty Don (£20, Weidenfeld & Nicolson)

Though short on seasonal pruning tips and recipes for compost, this cultural tour of the world's gardens is a real treat. Taking in six continents, Don sets out to prove the theory that "people are more interesting than plants", and talks to the gardeners behind floating Amazonian vegetable plots and formal Zen gardens.



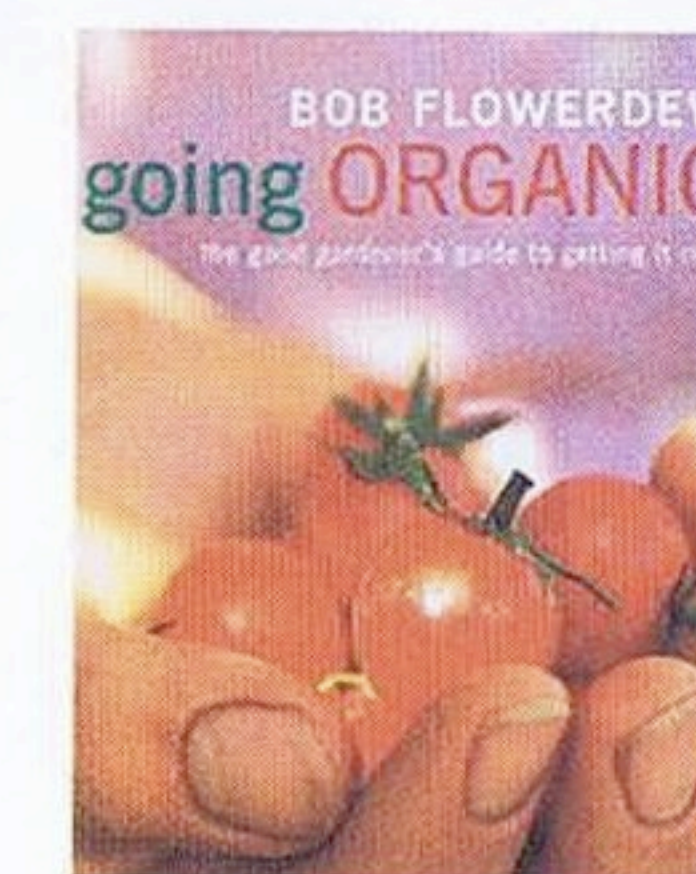
Garden Photographer of the Year

(£25, AA Publishing)

Coinciding with an exhibition at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, this eclectic collection is all about the patches that people call home. With professional and amateur pictures, taking in grand landscaped spectacles and tiny roof terraces, it is all about people and how they make their space in the world.



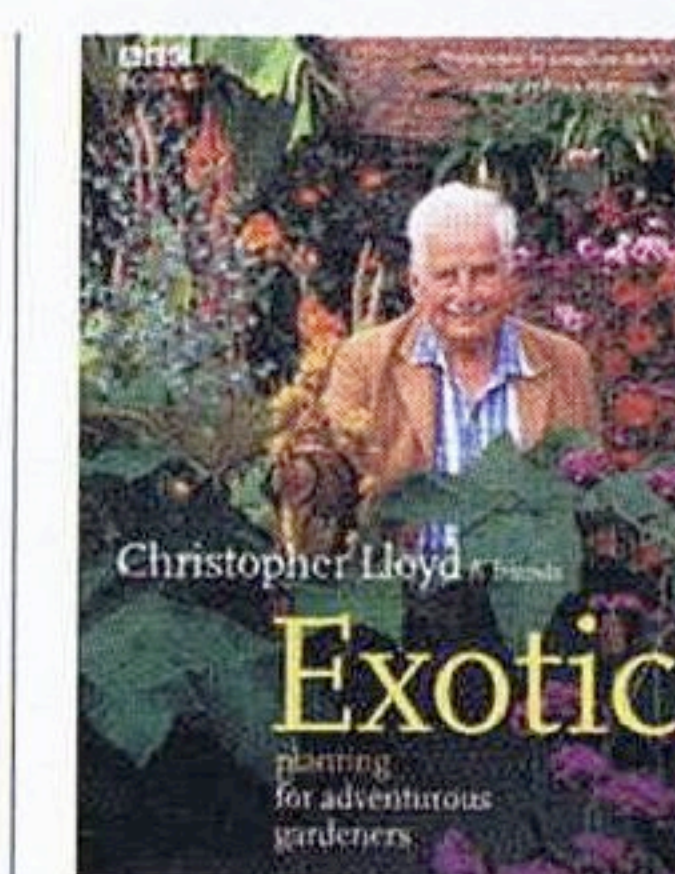
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Going Organic

by Bob Flowerdeew
(£19.99, Kyle Cathie)

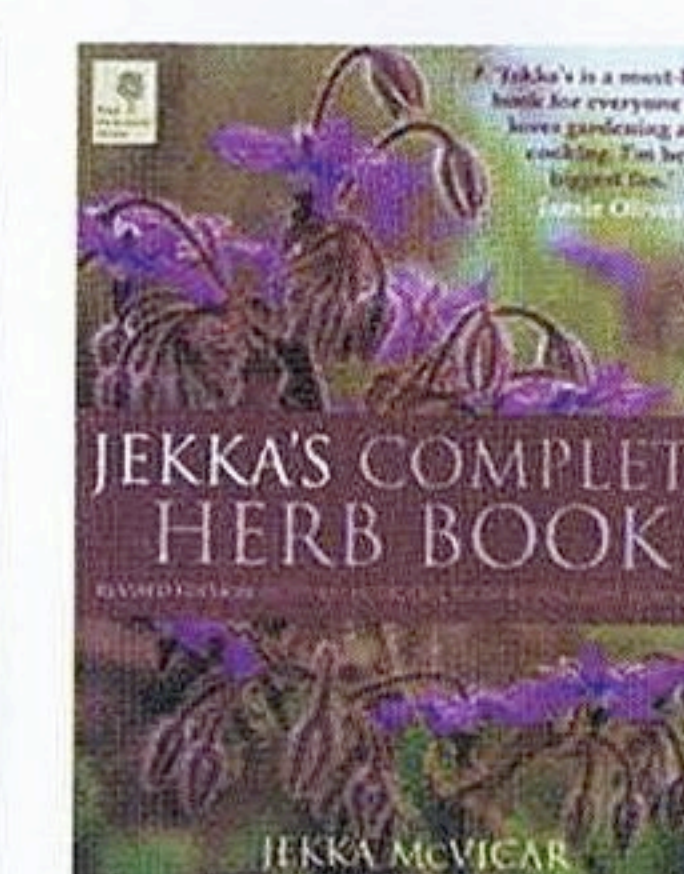
Fans of Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time* will be well aware of maverick East Anglian Bob Flowerdeew, his amazing skill with fruit and veg and his recipes for "recycled cider". This guide to gardening organically encourages the novice gardener, and is full of its author's infectious enthusiasm and smart advice.



Exotic Gardens for Adventurous Gardeners

by Christopher Lloyd
(£20, BBC Books)

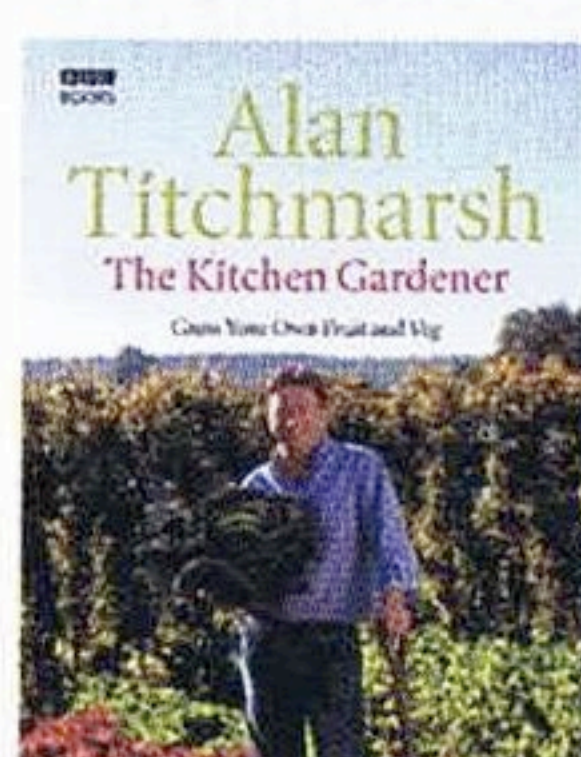
Christopher Lloyd was the well-loved warden of Great Dixter in East Sussex, and this story of his controversial Exotic Garden, which was almost complete when he died in 2006. The book is now a tribute to Lloyd from his fellow gardeners and biggest fans, including Roy Lancaster and Anna Pavord.



Jekka's Complete Herb Book

by Jekka McVicar
(£25, Kyle Cathie)

In association with the RHS, this is a must-have for anyone contemplating a kitchen garden, this bestseller is beloved by many successful gardeners and chefs. With simple instructions and encouraging words, this is the way to turn that dismal collection of limp, supermarket-bought herbs into a flourishing larder to perk up any meal.

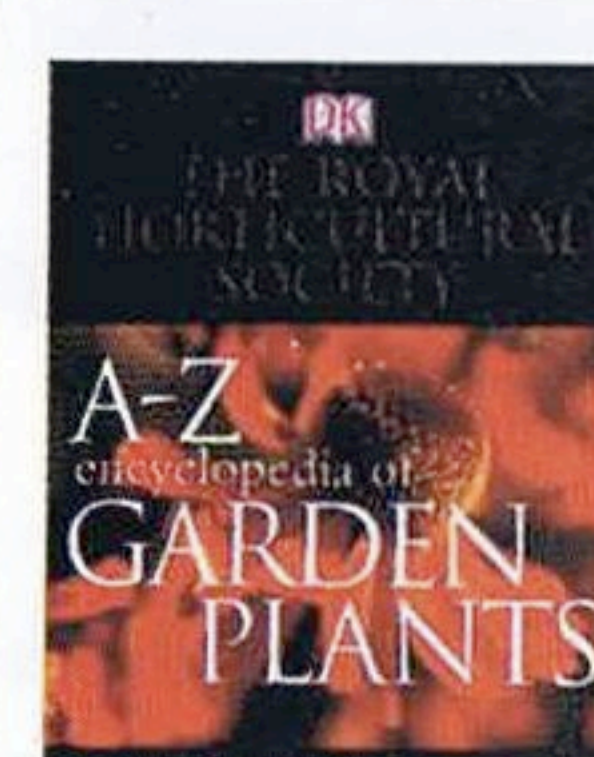


The Kitchen Gardener

by Alan Titchmarsh
(£20, BBC Books)

You either love him or you hate him, but Alan Titchmarsh knows his stuff and in this beautifully illustrated book he seems to have thought through all the potential pitfalls for an

amateur veg grower and offers practical solutions. Fruit and veg seeds are now outselling flowers in Britain, so this is a great help.

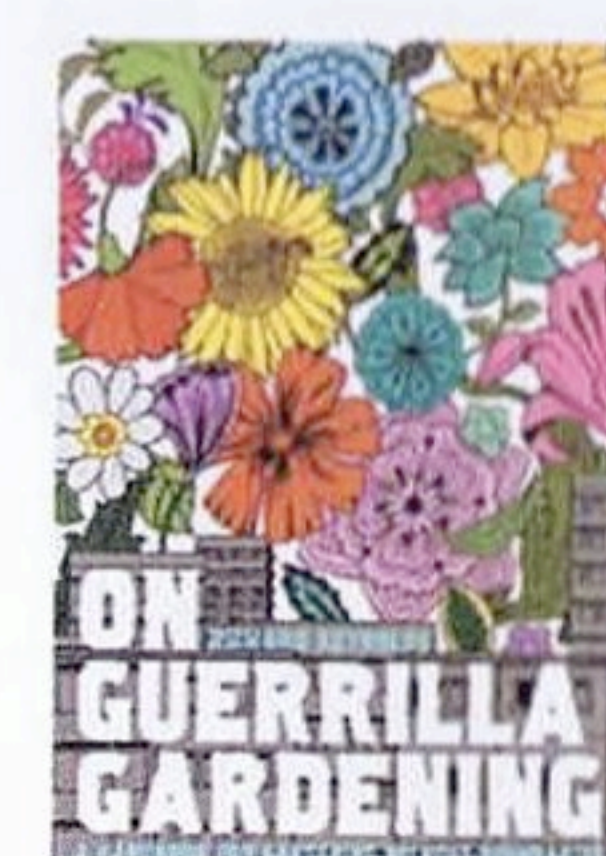


RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants

by Christopher Brickell
(£55, Dorling Kindersley)

For anyone who has thoroughly digested all the beginners' books and wants to move on, this is the ultimate reference book for the expert horticulturalist.

There are sections on mulching, staking and pruning, hardy and tender plants, heirloom varieties and hybrids – but buy this for the 15,000 individual plant entries and 6,000 colour pictures.

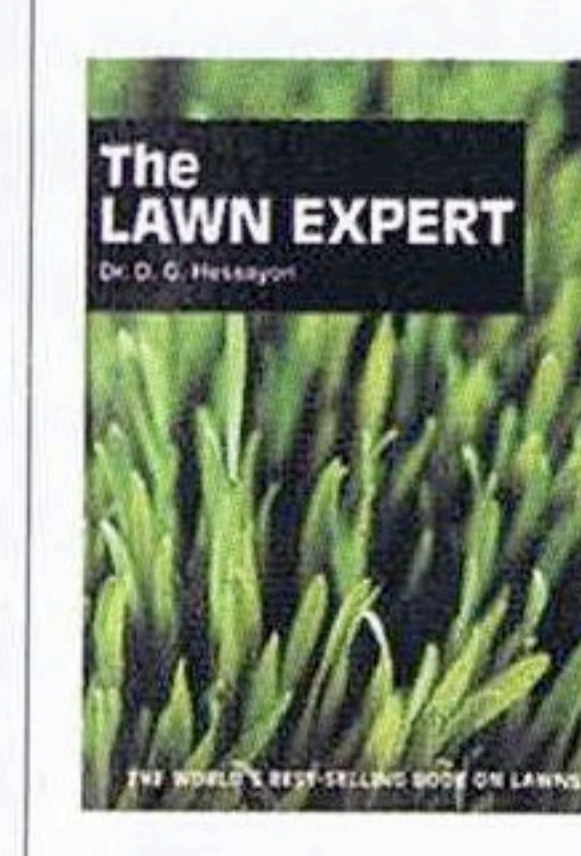


On Guerrilla Gardening

by Richard Reynolds
(£14.99, Bloomsbury)

Don't have a garden, a roof terrace or even a windowsill? Don't worry, just follow this anarchic guide and practise botany on your nearest roundabout.

Citing the words of Che Guevara and Mao Tse Tung in its opening chapter, this book advocates the politics of revolution using only seed bombs and the cover of darkness. Great fun.



The Lawn Expert

by DG Hessayon
(£7.99, Expert)

With condensed books on everything a gardener could ever worry about (containers, greenhouses, orchids, pests and weeds, fruit and vegetables, trees

and shrubs etc.), Hessayon is constantly among the bestsellers. If you ever admire a friend's garden, you'll probably find one of his books on their shelves (possibly lawns), if they are a man.