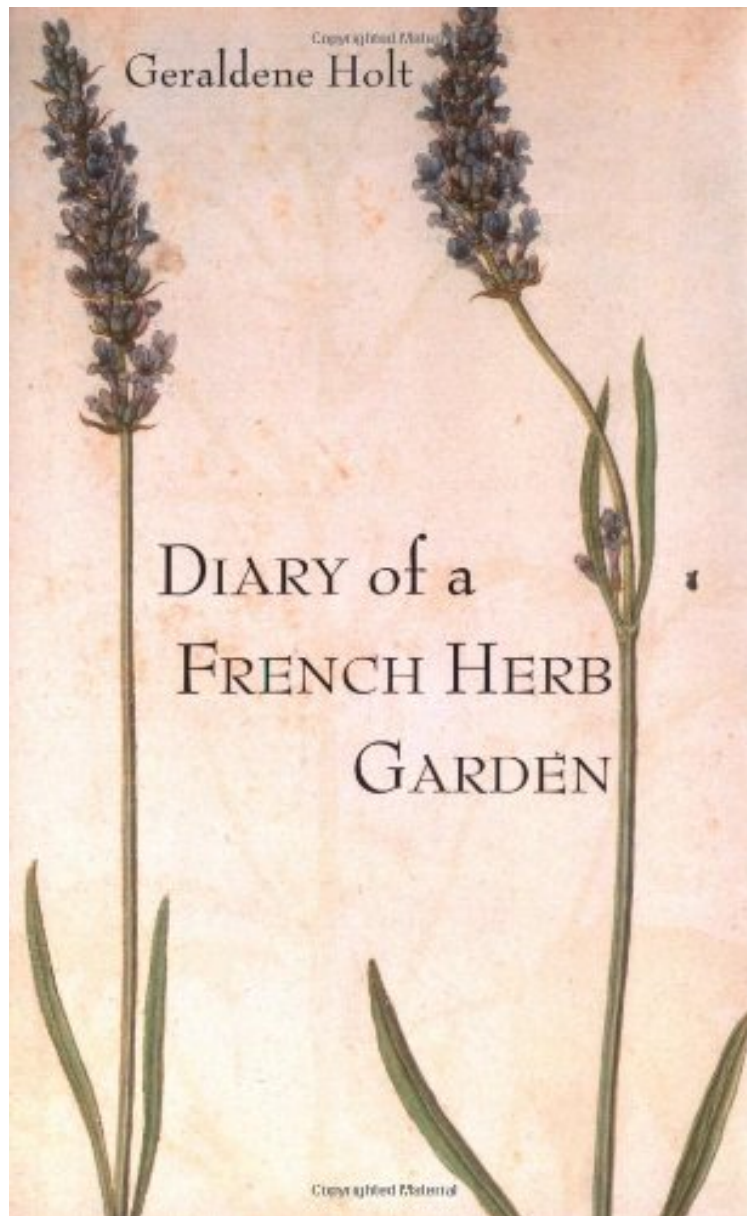


(Download pdf) Diary of a French Herb Garden

Diary of a French Herb Garden

Geraldene Holt

**Download PDF / ePub / DOC / audiobook / ebooks*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#291837 in Books Anova Books 2002-06-01Ingredients: Example IngredientsOriginal language:EnglishPDF
1 8.25 x 5.25 x .751, .0 #File Name: 1862054886160 pages | File size: 68.Mb

Geraldene Holt : Diary of a French Herb Garden before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Diary of a French Herb Garden:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very much enjoyed this bookBy Charles MartelliLibe this book....a years worth of diary entries as she plants an herb garden....excellent writing, and some good information to be had

along the way....0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. FineBy Tinka MooreEverything was fine with this book although it would have been nice to know before hand that it was stamped all over by the library that owned it.11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Stop and Smell the LavendarBy Kevin KelleyWhat a wonderful premise: leave soggy Brittain for sunny Provence and create a community herb garden in the old curate's garden in a village that dates to the middle ages. If you like to garden, and if you like the French, then this book is truly a good read (especially this wet winter).Holt takes you through all the steps (in sequence) that she went through to renovate this curate's garden in a year; from convincing the local authorities to allow her to do it (for free, of course), all the way through laying down the local scree as a path. Oh, and in between is building a Roman stone bridge.Holt's style is easy to read -- unlike many other gardening books by Brits. She uses botanical names as well as common names so you can follow along with her. There are no pictures in the book, so you have to use your imagination, and I think it really works well in this book.But do not dispare! There is a nice diagram in the back of the book, with the complete planting plan, too, which is a nice touch if you have a Mediterranean garden of your own to tend.But back to style. This book makes me want to read other works from the author. She writes with a definite voice. Her writing is crisp and clear without being dry. She takes a few side trips, such as explaining how to distill lavender oil, or make wreathes from bay leaves. But as this is a diary of garden, everything is pertinent and personal.This is not a "precious" garden book -- despite the poetic cover; you will learn things along the way and be charmed at the same time.

In *Diary of a French Herb Garden*, English food writer Geraldene Holt tells the captivating story of how she came to restore an ancient walled garden in a beautiful village deep in the Ardche region of France. The reader then accompanies the author through all the stages of re-making the garden from the construction of its cobbled footpath and stone bridge, and the discovery of its ancient irrigation system, to the eventual planting of the first herbs. Equally beguiling are the stories of the villagers and the many ways in which they use the herbs that thrive in the Provenal climate. Holt's lively narrative follows the gardening year, month by month, offering helpful tips to those inspired to grow their own aromatic and culinary herbs. Illustrated throughout with delicate engravings, *Diary of a French Herb Garden* is a book that will charm gardeners, cooks, and Francophiles alike.

From BooklistIt was, quite simply, a labor of love, this restoration of a medieval walled garden in the remote French village of Saint Montan. Acclaimed food writer Holt traded in her spatula for a shovel and embarked on a year-long reclamation of ground once tended by the village curate. Overgrown with weeds, abandoned and unloved, the plot is slated to become a public park, but Holt convinces the village elders to let her return the garden to its former glory as a public potager, renewed with authentic plants and native herbs. Aided by the bonhomie of the villagers, who share snips and cuttings from their own gardens, and the bonne chance of a benevolent Mediterranean climate, Holt succeeds in creating a haven of fragrance and beauty. Month by month, she chronicles her efforts, sharing both her landscape design and her list of plants. With an infectious joie de vivre, Holt conveys her passion for the land and its people in a delightful diary that is equal parts travelogue and garden guide. Carol HaggasCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Among the books bonuses are the list of plants she used and the planting "map" of the garden. -- VictoriaFrom the PublisherIn *Diary of a French Herb Garden*, English food writer Geraldene Holt tells the captivating story of how she came to restore an ancient walled garden in a beautiful village deep in the Ardche region of France. The reader then accompanies the author through all the stages of remaking the garden from the construction of its cobbled footpath and stone bridge, and the discovery of its ancient irrigation system, to the eventual planting of the first herbs. Equally beguiling are the stories of the villagers and the many ways in which they use the herbs that thrive in the Provenal climate. Holt's lively narrative follows the gardening year, month by month, offering helpful tips to those inspired to grow their own aromatic and culinary herbs. Illustrated throughout with delicate engravings, *Diary of a French Herb Garden* is a book that will charm gardeners, cooks, and Francophiles alike.