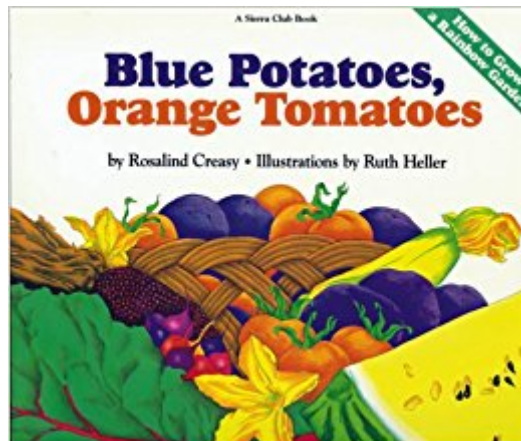




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Blue Potatoes, Orange Tomatoes: How To Grow A Rainbow Garden



Synopsis

An introduction to organic gardening which explains how to grow a cornucopia of fruits and vegetables in unexpected colors, outlining simple guidelines for planning, planting, caring for, and troubleshooting a rainbow garden. Also includes some special recipes.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 11 years

Grade Level: 4 and up

Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6-What is at first glance a whimsical fantasy turns out to be a guide to growing unusually colored vegetables and fruits. The first part of the book contains clearly written, general gardening instructions-planning, ordering seeds from special nurseries, preparing soil, etc. Creasy's approach is organic- pests are dealt with in nonchemical ways. The second section contains specific information regarding each "rainbow crop." A double-page spread shows the seed, plant, fruit or vegetable, a pest that may bother it, and a simple recipe, accompanied by clear, helpful text. In addition to the title plants, yellow zucchini, red chard, purple string beans, multicolored radishes, red popping corn, and yellow watermelon are included. Heller depicts the exotic-looking produce with stunningly bright, clear colors, giving readers an artistic treat as well as accurate information. The picture-book format is unusual for this age level, but just right for this presentation. Carolyn Jenks, First Parish Unitarian Church, Portland, ME Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This

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Ages 6-9. A gardening guide in picture-book format, this book offers practical advice for the novice of any age. As the title suggests, Creasy encourages young gardeners to plant a "rainbow garden" of edible plants in unusual colors: purple string beans, blue potatoes, yellow watermelons, red popping corn, and multicolored radishes. She begins with addresses of seed companies and general information on soil preparation, watering, weeding, organic fertilizing, and pest control, then offers a series of double-page spreads devoted to colorful plants. Each offers specific advice for obtaining and starting seeds and caring for the plants, along with recipes such as orange and red tomato swirls or sunshine zucchini muffins. Much of the book's appeal comes from Heller's bright and bountiful artwork, which is as decorative as it is informative. Children (or more likely perhaps, their parents and teachers) will find this an attractive guide to an unusual topic. Carolyn Phelan

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We borrowed this from the library and since there was so much to read and my kids loved it we actually bought it! I would have loved to have a hardcover copy like the library had but only softcover was available. It's such an interesting book to teach children not only about gardening, but there's more out there than the monoculture of produce they see at the grocery store. This is great to teach kids about gardening, produce, eating healthy, colors, so many topics could be incorporated into this books theme.

We were planting a rainbow garden for our school. My Kindergarten class and I loved having this as a resource!

After reading this book at our County Food Bank, I thought that it would be excellent for my grandkids as they have a garden and are starting at a young age to cook. It has a lot of healthy information and some recipes.

this book is great for kids under 12 it teaches you that tomatoes are not always red. It says when to plant and where to plant. what you need for your garden and what seeds to use.

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