

YDL Youth Non-fiction Books

About Gardening

[*Garden to Table: Fresh Recipes to Cook & Share*](#) by American Girl

Presents over fifty recipes encouraging young cooks to make homemade dishes with fresh fruits and vegetables.

[*It's Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden*](#) by George Ancona

A portrait of a community garden, showing how citizens work together.

[*A Seed is Sleepy*](#) by Dianna Hutts Aston

Introduces young readers to the characteristics, growth, and movement of a variety of seeds as they become plants.

[*Gardening Lab for Kids: 52 Fun Experiments to Learn, Grow, Harvest, Make, Play, and Enjoy Your Garden*](#) by Renata Fossen Brown

Ideas to help children learn how to grow their own garden and encourages families to enjoy nature. Features 52 creative plant-related activities set into weekly lessons.

[*The Gardening Book*](#) by Jane Bull

An introduction to the basics of gardening.

[*Young Gardener*](#) by Stefan Buczacki

Introduces readers to gardening, describing how the garden is changing throughout the seasons.

[*The Book of Gardening Projects for Kids : 101 Ways to Get Kids Outside, Dirty, and Having Fun*](#) by Whitney Cohen

Making gardening fun for kids.

[*Garden Fun : Indoors & Out, in Pots & Small Spots*](#) by Vicky Congdon

Provides step-by-step instructions for 28 indoor or outdoor gardening adventures, including a salad garden window box, a spiral flower garden, and a butterfly paradise in a patio pot.

[*The Nitty-Gritty Gardening Book : Fun Projects for All Seasons*](#) by Kari Cornell

Become a gardener in any season with these fun and easy projects.

[*Dig in! : 12 easy gardening projects using kitchen scraps*](#) by Kari Cornell

Grow your own fruits and vegetables from nothing but kitchen scraps!

[*Sow and Grow : a Gardening Book for Children*](#) by Tina Davis

A year's worth of playtime ideas that combine fun and learning with a child's sense of wonder at the natural world.

[*First Garden : the White House Garden and How it Grew*](#) by Robbin Gourley

A history of White House gardens, including Michelle Obama's kitchen garden, planted with help from 5th graders. Includes garden ideas.

[*Design Your Own Butterfly Garden*](#) by Susan Harkins

How to prepare, design, plant and maintain butterfly habits and shelters.

[*Outdoor Science Lab for Kids : 52 Family-friendly Experiments for the Yard, Garden, Playground, and Park*](#) by Liz Heinecke

52 science activities that can be done in a backyard, covering such topics as physics, chemistry, and biology.

[*Garden to Table : a Kid's Guide to Planting, Growing, and Preparing Food*](#)

by Katherine Hengel

How to grow, harvest, and cook food from your garden.

[*Kids' Container Gardening: Year-round Projects for Inside and Out*](#) by Cindy Krezel

Enjoy the experience of gardening through 18 projects that show how to create fun container gardens throughout the year.

[*A Green Kid's Guide to Composting*](#) by Richard Lay

How to make fertilizer gold in your backyard.

[*A Backyard Vegetable Garden for Kids*](#) by Amie Jane Leavitt

Everything you need to know to have a garden.

[*My Backyard Garden*](#) by Carol Lerner

Explains how to start your own vegetable garden and how to cope with common problems, describing the round of activities from month to month throughout the year.

[*Let's Garden: A Step by Step Introduction*](#) by Clara Lidstrom

Instructions on a variety of gardening and planting projects.

[*Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots : Gardening Together with Children*](#) by Sharon Lovejoy

Plant a pumpkinseed with a child, and cultivate wonder.

[*Garden*](#) by Robert Maass

Discusses the beauty and harmony of gardens, the different kinds, and how to care for them.

[*Growing Things*](#) by Ting Morris

Includes step-by-step instructions on growing plants and taking care of them and information on seeds, bulbs, and parts of a flower.

[*In My Garden : a Child's Gardening Book*](#) by Helen Oechsli

A general guide to beginning gardening, with specific instructions for growing beans, carrots, lettuce, peppers, and other vegetables.

[*Seed, Soil, Sun : Earth's Recipe for Food*](#) by Cris Peterson

Introduces children to the subject of agriculture, showing not only how plants germinate, grow and produce food, but also about the composition of soil and the creatures who live in it.

[*Organic Gardening for Kids*](#) by Elizabeth Scholl

Introduces organic gardening, covering sun, water, soil, plants, and composters.

[*Busy in the Garden : Poems*](#) by George Shannon

A collection of short poems and riddles about planting seeds, watching garden vegetables dance, and growing jack-o-lanterns.

[*A Seed is the Start*](#) by Melissa Stewart

Explores the plant cycle, how seeds grow, ways they travel, and what it takes for a seed to become a plant.

[*Little Green Thumbs*](#) by Mary An Van Hage

Provides ideas and instructions for projects that involve growing various kinds of plants indoors during the different seasons.

[*Secrets of the Garden: Food Chains and the Food Web in our Backyard*](#)

by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Depicts a family of four who make their garden their summer home as they prepare the soil, plant seeds, water the garden, and watch for a harvest of vegetables.

YDL Picture Books About Gardening

[*Quiet in the Garden*](#) by Alike

A little boy observes the eating habits of insects and small animals. Includes instructions on how to make your own garden.

[*Peppa Pig and the Vegetable Garden*](#) by Neville Astly

Peppa Pig discovers that everything grows from seeds planted in the dirt, and that even the apple that falls on Grandpa Pig's head has seeds inside!

[*I Have a Garden*](#) by Bob Barner

Dog relates the wonderful things that can be found in a garden.

[*The Berenstain Bears Grow It*](#)

As Brother and Sister help Mama plant seeds in the garden, they discover the importance of seeds and how they become and keyplants.

[*My First Garden*](#) by Tomasz Bogacki

Inspired by hearing that a garden used to grow in the yard in front of his house, a boy recreates it with loving care.

[*Paddington in the Garden*](#) by M. Bond

Paddington comes up with an unexpected design for his part of the garden just in time for National Garden Day.

[*Good Morning, Garden*](#) by Barbara Brenner

Upon entering a garden one morning, a child greets the flowers, plants, insects, and animals there.

[*The Curious Garden*](#) by Peter Brown

Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

[*Flower Garden*](#) by Eve Bunting

Helped by her father, a young girl prepares a flower garden as a birthday surprise for her mother.

[*How Groundhog's Garden Grew*](#) by Lynne Cherry

Squirrel teaches Little Groundhog how to plant and tend a vegetable garden.

[*Plant a Little Seed*](#) by Bonnie Christensen

Two friends plant seeds in their community garden, then water, weed, and wait as the plants grow until they can be harvested. Includes facts about gardening and harvest festivals.

[*Planting a Rainbow*](#) by Lois Ehlert

A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden.

[*Growing Vegetable Soup*](#) by Lois Ehlert

A father and a child grow vegetables and then make them into a soup.

[*Mystery Vine: a Pumpkin Surprise*](#) by Cathryn Falwell

When a mysterious vine appears in their garden, a brother and sister watch and wait to see what it becomes. Includes gardening activities and pumpkin recipes.

[*And Then It's Spring*](#) by Julie Fogliano

Simple text reveals the anticipation of a boy who, having planted seeds while everything around is brown, fears that something has gone wrong until, at last, the world turns green.

[*In the Garden with Dr. Carver*](#) by Susan Grigsby

A fictionalized account of George Washington Carver came to an Alabama school and taught the children how to grow plants and reap the rewards of nature's bounty. Includes factual note about George Washington Carver.

[*Tiny Green Thumbs*](#) by C. Z. Guest

Tiny Bun and his grandmother plan, plant, and grow a vegetable garden. Includes step-by-step instructions for planting carrots, beans, cucumbers, corn, and sunflowers.

[*The Surprise Garden*](#) by Zoe Hall

After sowing unmarked seeds, three youngsters wait expectantly for their garden to grow.

[*The Garden That We Grew*](#) by Joan Holub

Children plant pumpkin seeds, water and weed the garden patch, watch the pumpkins grow, pick them, and enjoy them in various ways.

[*The Carrot Seed*](#) by Ruth Krauss

A little boy plants a carrot seed. Despite being told by his family that the seed won't grow, the boy perseveres. Every day, he weeds and waters the area where he planted the seed and one day, the boy is rewarded with a huge carrot.

[*Messy Bessey's Garden*](#) by Patricia McKissack

Messy Bessey discovers that with proper care her garden will flourish

[*Lola Plants a Garden*](#) by Anna McQuinn

Lola plants a flower garden with her parent's help, and watches it grow.

[*Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*](#) by Kate Messner

Up in the garden is beautiful, but below the soil there is a busy world of critters that make the garden their home and enhance the garden.

[*Isabella's Garden*](#) by Glenda Millard

Explores the growth and change in a little girl's garden, where love and care make the garden flourish throughout the seasons.

[*The Tale of Peter Rabbit*](#) by Beatrix Potter

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

[*Three Little Peas*](#) by Marine Rivoal

The story of two little peas as they explore the world of the garden and set off to become just what they are meant to be.

[*The Gardener*](#) by Sarah Stewart

Lydia Grace goes to live with her uncle in the city but takes her love of gardening with her.

[*Mortimer's First Garden*](#) by Karma Wilson

Little Mortimer Mouse, longing to see something green, tends his last sunflower seed, until finally, he harvests his crop.