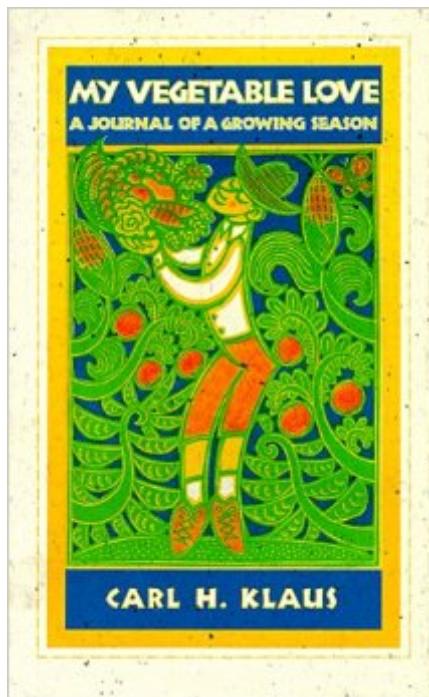


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My Vegetable Love: A Journal Of A Growing Season



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This passionate gardener's daily record of a growing season adds up to one of the best pieces of garden writing in years. But this book is about much more than planting, tending, and harvesting a vegetable garden. It's about all the things that influence this gardener: the weather, the neighborhood, his wife's possibly recurring cancer, the changing nature of the academic community; it's about the last months of his twenty-year-old cat, about his dog, and about all the other humans and animals in his gardening world. And about his family: the aunts and uncles who cared for and fed a six-year-old orphan and instilled in him the understanding that good food was a way of knowing that someone cared. In all the gardens he has tended, the dills he has pickled, and the dinners he has cooked, Klaus has tried to carry on that tradition and pass it on to his own children. No reader will come away from *My Vegetable Love* untouched by the humor, the lyrical quality of the writing, and above all the

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I stumbled upon this book because this author's name came up in a Great Course on writing great sentences, so I figured I'd see what he wrote. I love gardening, and I love vegetables, so I bought it. Since there is an entry for every day in the gardening year, I started it in March, intending to read one entry each day, like a devotional. Alas, I couldn't stop reading and finished it in no time. Absolutely love the tone, the daily minutiae of the weather, the garden, the author's neighbors, his wife, his life, what's for dinner. Like a long, long letter from a friend you haven't heard from in a year.

I am growing my first vegetable garden this Summer and reading this book has helped shape my ideas and plantings, it has taught me numerous things about gardening and I can relate to the fears and worries, as well as the enjoyment and love for growing vegetables, and flowers. Thanks for a wonderful book!

In this book, Carl Klaus keeps a daily journal during one growing season in his home garden in Iowa. In addition to gardening, he also touches upon his marriage, his wife's cancer, his impending retirement and his neighbors/community. As a reader who can't get enough information on gardening, I really appreciated this longtime gardener's bits of wisdom. I find it fascinating to read not only about what and how he plants, but the mouthwatering meals he and his wife cook from those plants. I think his passages on retirement would resonate much more with someone facing that issue. I had a hard time relating to that part of the book. Overall, I have really enjoyed this book and have made so many gardening notes all over it you can barely see the pages.

Gardening and plants are both my hobby and avocation. I also work with educational programs for winegrowers - writing articles etc. Klaus' book is a good read on all levels.

Quick shipping. Book arrived just as it was described. This was a great read especially for my wife and I as we are gardeners.

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