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**The "how-to" guide for a new generation of farmers from the author of *Farm City* and a leading urban garden educator.** In this indispensable guide, *Farm City* author Novella Carpenter and Willow Rosenthal share their experience as successful urban farmers and provide practical blueprints-complete with rich visual material-for novice and experienced growers looking to bring the principles of ethical food to the city streets. *The Essential Urban Farmer* guides readers from day one to market day, advising on how to find the perfect site, design a landscape, and cultivate crops. For anyone who has ever grown herbs on windowsills, or tomatoes on fire escapes, this is an invaluable volume with the potential to change our menus, our health, and our cities forever.

## The Essential Urban Farmer Details

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## **From Reader Review The Essential Urban Farmer for online ebook**

### **Story says**

This is a truly essential guide. Written with great experience and wry humor, this book has detailed information on just about every topic you can think of in urban agriculture, and what's beyond the scope of this volume, the authors give clear ideas about where to find more information. It's already improved my garden. I need to get my own copy instead of just borrowing the library's. I can't recommend this book enough if urban farming is your thing.

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### **Jerry Cheung says**

An in-depth and broad coverage of the authors' experiences at farming in an urban setting. The term "urban farming" annoys me with its hipster connotations, but the book was genuine in tone and advice. It reads fine sequentially, but I find it more valuable as a reference book -- picking and choosing sections as questions come up. It covers site selection, preparation, growing high yield and high value vegetables in small spaces, bee keeping, rabbits, and goats. I skipped the animal section because we don't have the space for it, but I'd like to revisit those chapters in the future.

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### **Al Lock says**

I'm not sure that what is described in this book should really be called farming (unless on a very small scale) but there is lots of useful information contained within this book (although a lot of it is repetitive).

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### **Ellen Bell says**

This is the most comprehensive book I think I've ever read on any specific topic. It is almost an encyclopedia of sorts, covering every aspect imaginable of gardening/farming in an urban setting. For anyone who is serious about growing or raising their own food and doing so in an organic, sustainable way, I would highly recommend this book! I checked it out through the library, but this is one volume that I will likely purchase to add to my gardening reference collection.

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### **Fritz says**

Mucho useful. An excellent reference in its own right. A great springboard to a lot of other more in depth sources.

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## **Megan says**

This book has SO much good information! Very well written and easy to understand. I learned some things about seed starting, and plant anatomy!

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## **Catherine says**

Tons of useful, practical information.

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## **Yvonne Loveday says**

Great reference. Love Novella.

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## **Alison says**

Information overload.

Eventually, I'll get really serious about my tiny garden plot and use this guide to help me recondition the soil and all the rest. Until then, I'll just be dreaming about a composting toilet in the backyard and saving urine to make fertilizer.

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## **Justin says**

This book is probably more appropriate to suburban than urban environments.

I don't see things like fruit trees, bees, goats, greenhouses and outdoor washing stations going over well/being possible in the city. I have a suburban house and bee keeping seems a bit self-centered even here.

That being said, there is a good amount of useful information for suburban farmers here.

There is a bit less of a focus on gardening techniques than I'd like, but there are tons of other useful information such as many building plans for gardening projects.

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## **Beverly says**

Skimmed through most of it. Was more for starting garden from nothing. I was looking for info on vertical gardening and small space gardening.

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### **Lisa says**

Essential to anyone involved in urban farming. I love this enough that I have both the print and kindle version as I feel it will be a constant reference as we build Urbanstead.

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### **Kathryn Kochunas says**

Great book. Well written and covers the basics from day one to harvest (be it vegetable or animal). The authors' enthusiasm makes this an interesting read, especially in reflection after a first year's garden. They don't endorse anything rash, however, and stress responsible decision making. This was a great read and will be an invaluable reference as I expand some of my ventures.

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### **Nina Carter says**

I've just begun this book, and I'm already seeing some really practical and great ideas. I did find the yield described for 3 hives ***ODD, since I would expect close to 48 liters out of one strong hive.***

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### **Joy says**

I didn't realize this was going to be a complete guide to farming/gardening - glad I got it though! I'll keep an eye out for a cheap version to buy - it's a really good reference to own. Lots of applicable info on front yard and container gardening.

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