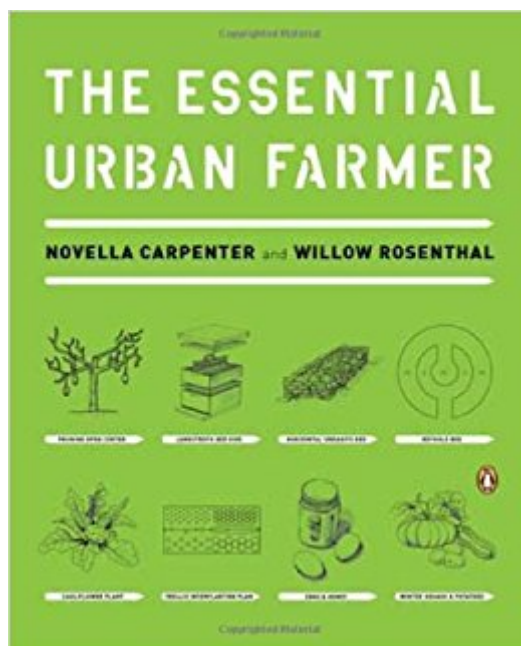


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# The Essential Urban Farmer



## Synopsis

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.

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"Organic farming in the city is so unexpected-yet it is the surest way to rebuild the vital connection between our food and how it is grown. This lucidly written, encyclopedic volume-which contains everything from homemade fertilizer recipes to chicken coop blueprints-is the single most useful resource I know for all urban dwellers." -Alice Waters

Novella Carpenter grew up in rural Idaho and Washington State. She went to University of Washington in Seattle where she majored in Biology and English. She later studied under Michael Pollan at Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism for two years. She's had many odd jobs including: assassin bug handler, book editor, media projectionist, hamster oocyte collector, and

most recently, journalist. Her writing has appeared in Salon.com, Saveur.com, sfgate.com (the SF Chronicle's website), and Mother Jones. She has been cultivating her farm in the city for over ten years now, and her neighbors still think she's crazy. It all started with a few chickens, then some bees, until she had a full-blown farm near downtown Oakland, where she lives today.

But..... it came with a severely bent cover making it unsuitable for the birthday gift it was meant for.

A good book to learn from

This has now become my #1 reference for my urban garden.

Novella is a little bit of a snarky writer sometimes and I love her for it. She is straight up, no bs here is how it is and what was cool and what sucked, and I love that. don't stop writing!

It has so much information that it's more like a reference book than anything. I'm not sure I can read it straight through. Some of the topics won't apply to everyone, but it's very thorough

Practical, easy to read, must have. Seriously, buy it

This is a fantastic book. Well written, good tips, tricks, and sound environmental farming/production practices... for anyone! Beyond the urban farmer, anyone with a backyard garden or even a moderate 10 to 100 acres might well learn something from the authors. Well done! I'm going to purchase several for family members.

Product arrived as promised and was exactly what I ordered.

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