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How To Compost: Everything You Need To Know To Start Composting, And Nothing You Don't!



Synopsis

Lars Hundley cuts through the vast amount of information on composting in this quick and to-the-point guide, to give you the essential information you need to start composting now. This guide is for those new to composting and the following topics are covered: * Types of compost bins and the pros and cons of each (as well as "no bin" options) * Composting accessories and which are essential (answer: none!) * What to put in your compost bin -- and what to avoid (sorry, dog poop is out) * An easy way to balance carbon- and nitrogen-rich materials (no math involved!) * Compost troubleshooting -- common problems and how to solve them (from sulfur to slime - it's covered) Whether you just want a pile in the backyard, or the latest in compost tumbler technology, this guide will get you off to a great start.

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Customer Reviews

This book answers the questions most beginners have about how to get started with composting. It also covers how best to use the results of your composting efforts. There is even a bit more

advanced information such as how best to balance nitrogen and carbon-based composting materials and troubleshooting problems with composting systems. I've been composting for many years but still found new ideas and tips I can use to improve the way I maintain my compost pile. One warning: be ready to adjust the font size when you start reading. For some reason, the editor chose an extremely small font size that overrides the settings on your Kindle. The size reminds me of the fine print found on service contracts, but luckily it's an easy problem to fix. Just remember to re-set the size before going onto another book, or you'll be overwhelmed by huge text. Otherwise the formatting of the paragraphs, chapters, and headings of the book are well-implemented once you adjust the font size. This is a good all-around book on an important aspect of gardening and lawn care. Recommended.

Finally, a down-to-earth (or down-to-compost!) book that gives what every beginner to composting needs: the facts, plain and simple. It actually takes more writing skill and knowledge of what you're writing about to convey the facts in a clear and concise manner. This book does that. It explains why you should compost and how you can do this in different ways, some easy, some more difficult and at different costs. The author explains that you can always get more involved in composting and more elaborate but that is your choice. Bravo for an excellent book!

This book breaks composting down (See what I did there?) and makes it really easy to understand. I like that the author doesn't try to make it seem more complicated than it is, and by doing so, I'm actually encouraged and excited to start composting rather than discouraged and confused. There are a couple of features of this book that I really enjoyed. The first is the quick list of things you can compost - separating the list into carbon- and nitrogen-rich materials makes so much more sense now. I also like the troubleshooting tips at the end. He covers basically any situation you can think of and offers rational, understandable advice. All in all, I'm really glad I found this book! I know I will be using this information for years to come!

Although I have been composting for many years, I found many useful tips and reminders. I think I have made every mistake possible, but the compost still survives.

I really enjoyed this book. So much information in a short book. I had questions about the composting bins. He answered them clearly and simply. Nice to read a composting book and get the information that I actually need. Quick and easy read. I'm now ready to compost.

This is a really informative book, and it's funny enough in places that it made me laugh out loud. I've been throwing compost into a huge area of the garden for over 10 years and haven't done a thing with it. This book inspired me to use what I had. The dirt at the bottom of the pile was dark and rich. The book also helped me get a little more methodical moving forward. By making a separate area for the new compost items going in, it will make it easier to access the finished compost.

I liked that it was short, and things I already knew or that did not apply to me could be skipped by looking at the headings. Well worth the cost!

Everything you need to know, and, nothing you don't. This booklet is exactly what it says it is: a concise guide to composting. Hundley gives a basic overview of what can be composted, types of compost bins, and how to care for your compost. I liked the area where he discussed the brown to green ratio, and gave a list of browns and greens. Nothing in this book is revolutionary, but it doesn't claim to be. For a free book, it was definitely worth the time to read, and I will be referencing the brown/green portion in the future.

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