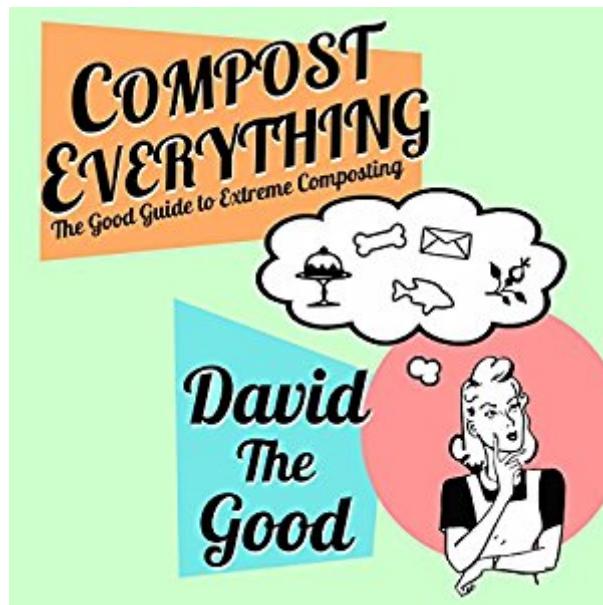


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Compost Everything: The Good Guide To Extreme Composting



Synopsis

If you're ready to throw out the rule book and return as much as you can to the soil, Compost Everything is the book for you. It's time to quit fighting Mother Nature and start working with her to recycle organic matter and create lush and beautiful gardens with some of the most extreme composting techniques known to man! In this inspiring composting guide, you'll learn how to: Brew your own fish fertilizer with a few easy ingredients Quit turning piles and make compost the simple way Avoid roasting your garden with chemical-laced manure Discover the Native American trick for concentrating fertility and growing in lousy soil Squeeze every ounce of fertility from your compost Deal with grid-down sanitation Stop filling landfills and start enriching your yard Turn trash into treasure Get rid of unwanted bodies Learn to compost like you've never composted before with expert gardener and master composter David the Good.

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Customer Reviews

As a hobby-gardener who wishes he had time for all that complicated composting stuff, I wish I'd had this book five years ago when I first bought my house. The last time I composted was about 3 years ago, and while I understood the science of composting...well, understanding the science of something can either lead you to enlightenment, or take you down the rabbit-hole of perfectionism and proportionality, and that always got me messed up one way or another. When your compost pile isn't working quickly or properly, it's enough to make you wish Cthulhu would rise from R'lyeh

and do what he does best. I just quit composting in frustration, too much work for someone who works all the time. However, David the Good has written what may well be the Necronomicon of composting (and thus, gardening). Now I feel like I can summon the Elder Gods and Old Ones to improve the quality of the vegetables and flowers I grow (when I'm not busy writing or being lazy.) It really is simple: just throw it on the ground. It doesn't matter. I was especially fascinated by the effectiveness of "verboten" compostables like meat, roadkill, bodies, human waste... So if you're into gardening, agriculture, or just want to learn something that is freaking interesting in an incredibly amusing format, then buy this book. I'll be referencing it for years to come, and will definitely acquire a dead tree version should one become available.

I found this book incredibly useful, and it gave me ideas for how to construct the new gardens on my property. The idea of a banana circle (with fruit trees for the PNW) is awesome, and the warnings about persistent herbicides made it worth the purchase price alone. As my livestock will mostly be fed with imported hay to begin with, I'm thankful for the information. There are a few stretch ideas for me in here, like compost tea, worm tea, and various other liquid forms of fertilization. However, the ease of some of the techniques really makes me happy. The one thing I'd add to it is more diagrams or even illustrations for the various constructions, like the banana circle or the duck pond/fruit tree combo.

The book brings back some wonderful memories of my father teaching me to grow vegetables as a young boy. We dabbled with composting too, but waiting for waste to turn to fertilizer never seemed as interesting as waiting for seeds to grow into vegetables. Maybe if we'd had this book that would have been different. David's enthusiasm and passion for gardening jumps off the pages. And that's what makes it so enjoyable. He clearly passionately loves what he does, and that makes it a fun read.

If you've ever wanted to know how to turn leftover animal organs and skulls into delicious squash and melons, well, you're in luck if you read David's book. If you just want to get more out of your garden with less work, and while spending less money, you're in luck. If you want to know how to avoid drowning your little red wriggler worms with a watermelon, then this is the book for you. There is also an anecdote involving a group of black men burning bristles off a hog while in an adjacent tent, Amish girls are chopping pork. There is a story here, and it goes untold. This is a tragic deficiency, but I still believe the book to be worth five stars. I wish I had read this some years ago. I

mourn the valuable compostable materials I've paid money to have hauled away, while in the same year having paid to purchase compost. Seriously, who else is telling you to bury logs, branches and sticks to help retain water? I also am hoping for a second edition with some illustrations.

Finally a composting book that's fun to read. You answered a pressing problem, what to do with all the Zombie bodies. Now I know to dig a hole dump the bodies back fill and plant melons and trees. Good Eats. (sorry Alton).

First of all, let me say this. David's wife is a saint. She has to be to allow her husband to do what the title says, compost everything. I bought this book because I have ran into the the same problem gardeners everywhere run into. I can not generate enough compost to full fill the needs of my modest garden plot. I have tried using coffee grounds, leaves, and all the things responsible, careful, people say is appropriate to use for compost. I got at most ten gallons a year. Dave... Well he looked at the problem and noticed that just about everything organic rots. If it rots, you can compost it. Makes sense right? I know we have all been told not to compost meat scraps (Dave composted a goat's head), and only include the right mix of brown, green, and other sources. However, everything does rot, and the simplest way to compost is "Throw it on the ground!". In fact, that is a consistent theme of the book. I have began some rather modest experiments using Dave's ideas. My first worm bed (adjusted for the area) is underway, and my idea of what is compostable and not has changed. Initial results look promising. This is not your typical composting book. This is the composting book your extension agent reads in the back room.

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