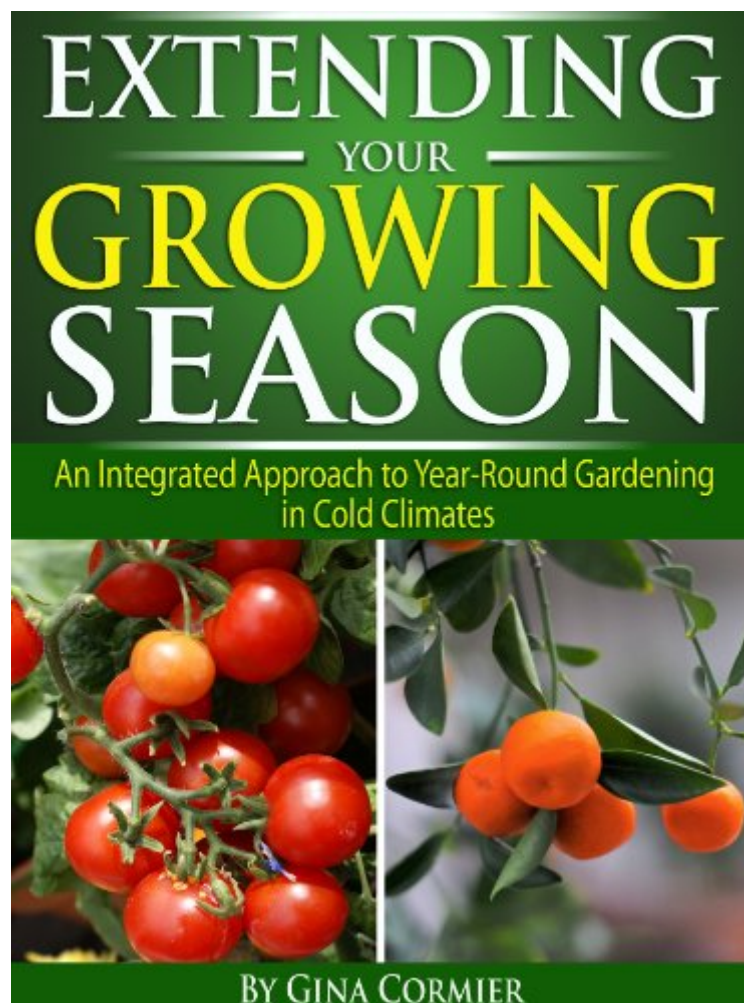




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Synopsis

What comes to mind when you think about gardening? A rush to get seeds planted in spring? Harvesting a big batch of crops for an autumn feast? Do you ever think of growing kiwis and citrus trees in a cold climate? How about pomegranates, guavas, papayas, bananas, figs? All of this is possible and more with the right tools and strategies. As you'll notice, this is a short book. It is not designed to be a comprehensive book on all aspects of 4 season gardening, but rather an introduction to the vast strategies and possibilities of extended growing seasons. Inside you'll find valuable tips and thought provoking ideas to inspire you to begin extending your garden beyond the traditional window of summer to grow fruit or vegetables in spring, fall and even into winter. If you are interested in 4 season gardening, greenhouse gardening, or even just extending your growing season a few weeks further into the spring or fall this book will help you get started. You'll find lots of simple ideas for attracting, storing and utilizing heat to keep your plants alive longer this season. This book includes:- Understanding how heat moves and how to use Cold Traps, Microclimates, and Windbreaks to your advantage- Using season extenders such as Greenhouses, Cloches, Cold Frames, Mini Hoop Tunnels, Row Covers, and Thermal Mass Walls- Seed and Crop Selection, including the benefits of selecting heirloom vegetables- Tips for Storing, Drying, Freezing, and Preserving fruits and vegetables. If you're ready to take your gardening to the next level, or should I say into the next season, let's get growing....

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Customer Reviews

The author briefly outlines things you should know to understand how to get the most out of every growing season. I'm a novice square foot gardener and recognized many of his concepts in other literature. Though this book is pretty general in nature, he does a good job of referencing other experts and their books that seem to point to much more in depth treatment of whatever topic he discusses. I appreciated his discussion of thermal mass, it taught me a lot. This was a new concept that I haven't seen discussed in any other source I've read thus far. Since it is a very new topic for me, his generalist way of presenting it helped a lot. It instantly made sense plus he referenced other sources I can look up should I care to dig deeper into the subject. Overall, it was a quick one hour read. I came away having learned a critical nugget that will strengthen my sustainable gardening, so I'm happy. I would suggest that other prospective readers adjust their expectations for technical depth, though. That said, there is definitely a need for gardening books that present technical, complicated topics in layman's terms.

I found this book informative and very helpful. It was specific enough that it allowed me to replan my garden (haven't gardened in 40 years) so that I will be able to get in two plantings. I'm very pleased.

A quick basic overview of extending the growing season. Not a "how to" book as more detail is needed. Good for an introduction to WHY you should extend your growing season and different methods used. I would recommend it to someone who's just beginning to explore the idea but not to someone who is ready to put into use any of the methods talked of. Just not enough information in this book for that.

Nice easy read with helpful tips for any gardener. A nice variety of options is provided, so there's sure to be an example that fits your need.

I love gardening and this gave me some wonderful ideas to extending my gardening into the winter.

Great book because we live in Colorado and want to extend our growing seasons.

Guys: This was a short but good introduction on how to garden in the way I would like to garden!
Jonathan Blaine

Organized and readable. Short book with information packed in an easy format. I give this book a green thumbs up!

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