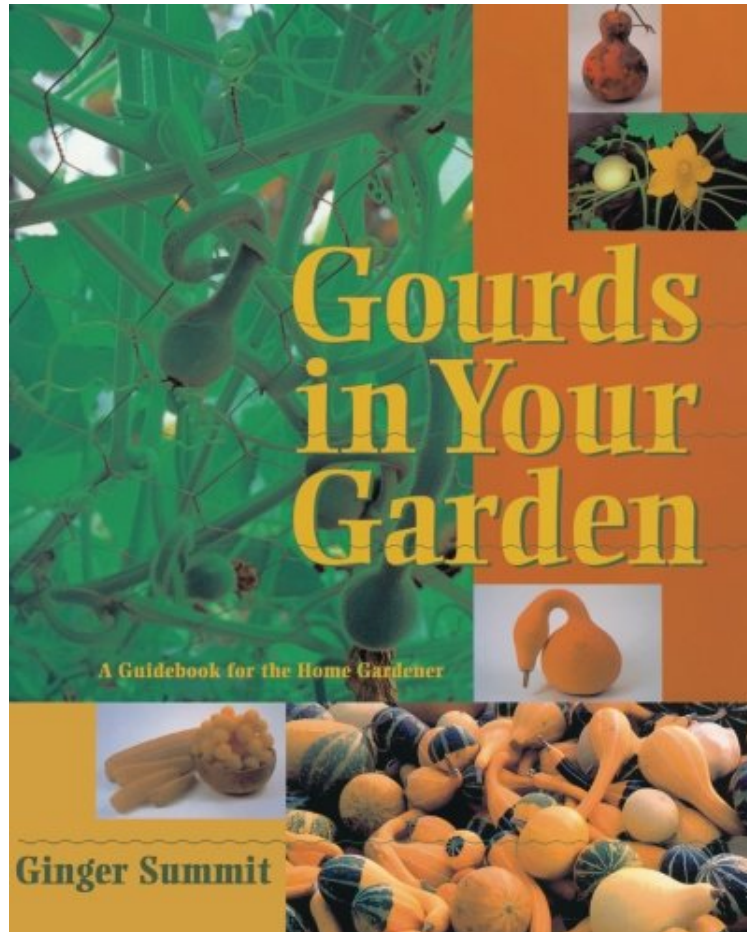


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Thorough and Practical Gourd Gardening BookBy CustomerInstead of borrowing this book, I just had to own it. The book has all of the need-to-know information for both the casual and serious gourd gardener. You will be reminded of how to prep the soil (I always want to be sure I'm getting things started under the best conditions), how to grow the seeds indoors (for transplantation) or directly in the garden, care during the growing season, including how to prune and, of course, when harvest. There is even more you can learn from this book. It is simply the best book on the subject.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Robert Barackmanthis is a good book0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I now have gourds in MY garden!By PatriciaThis is a great book for those of us who want to grow our own gourds. The author takes you through the entire process from preping the soil to drying post harvest. There are large margins for note writing (I have

used some of them). She does write about a lot of chemicals etc rather than concentrating on organic gardening. Although she does have a short section on organic techniques/companion planting. I recommend this book for those who want to grow their own gourds.

Book Description Whether you're a seasoned gardener enchanted with their lush vines and unusually shaped fruit or a crafter in search of the perfect gourd for a specific project, this easy-to-use primer takes the mystery out of growing gourds. Largely ignored by most gardening books, gourd plants require specific attention to produce healthy vines and satisfactory fruit. Learn how to: * Identify popular gourd shapes * Plan and cultivate your garden * Grow, train, and harvest a bountiful crop * Control pests and disease with natural remedies * Prepare your gourds for use-in recipes and art projects. Lists of suppliers, a growing calendar, and space for notes on your own garden conditions make this the complete gourd sourcebook. A delight to read as well as a lasting reference, this long overdue guide to the adventures of growing one of Nature's greatest gifts is an essential addition to any gardener's library. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

About the Author About the Author In 1990 I became intrigued with the idea of decorating gourds. However, in pursuing this interest, I became quite frustrated trying to find instructional books - they were few and far between. What began as a craft interest quickly became a passion as I discovered unusual uses of gourds in marketplaces and museums around the world. Extensive contacts with craftspeople and artists in this country revealed a vital interest in gourds as a new medium for expression. As a retired teacher, I wanted to share this new found knowledge with others hoping to provide the long needed resources, by writing books and articles on gourds.