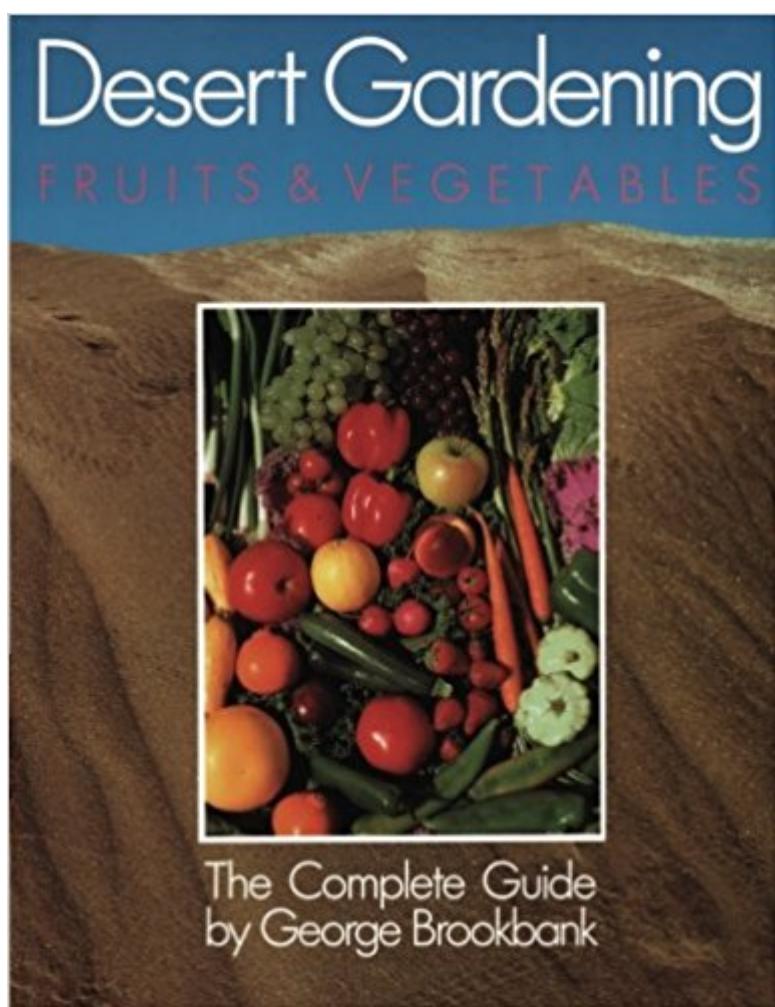


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# Desert Gardening: Fruits & Vegetables: The Complete Guide



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

George Brookbank started his professional career as an Agricultural Officer in Tanganyika Territory in Africa. Since 1971 he has been Extension Agent, Urban Horticulture, at the Extension Garden Center of the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. He writes a weekly column for the Tucson Daily Citizen, has a Saturday morning radio show on stations KFLT and KGVY and a weekly television program on Channel 4 KVOA, and has a monthly call-in program on radio station KNST.

Every page is filled with pearls. You may know most of what is on each page, but Mr. Brookbank will certainly give you a new perspective on your knowledge, or fill in a missing piece you didn't know you were missing. I am a passionate gardener. I am not using this book for desert gardening, though I have gardened in the high desert for more than 25 years and I can tell you, this book will be useful to any SoCal gardener. Definitely the best book I have read in a long time. Right up there with the Sunset Western Garden Book and Pat Welsh's Southern California Organic Gardening.

I am new to gardening in the desert southwest and have had too much advice with no good results. This book has really given me a new outlook on gardening and now I'm actually excited for the new season to begin. Everything is covered from trees to vegetables, soil conditions, pest, multiple short

seasons versus one long one, weather extremes, extending our short seasons and much, much more. There are so many helpful ideas and suggestions in this book for those of us who learned to garden "back east". Those ways of gardening just don't work here in the extremes of the desert. I've read the book four times and glean something new every time. Getting ready to read it again and have bought a copy for my parents who are also trying to garden in the desert. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to have a successful garden in the desert southwest. Especially for those who have struggled up to this point with the "old way" of doing it.

I have been gardening in Arizona for over 50 years, quite successfully. The book *Desert Gardening* offers different ideas for plant bed design and year round gardening. I am trying these new to me concepts with great success. Most notably, changing from row style beds to flat pan. The week by week guide is the best advice for Southwest gardening. I am recommending these helpful tips for gardeners in the higher elevations as well. The *Western Garden Book* is still in my library, now to compliment my *Desert Garden* book.

If you garden in Arizona, you need this book. It takes a lot of work to get some things to grow here in the summer especially and he gives you lots of information from planting to insect control. I had never been able to get corn to grow well and after reading this book I know why it never did well. I just planted a nice row of corn and something tells me we will be picking some this summer. Great information from someone who lives and gardens in Arizona.

Some of the book bargains on this site are not so great. This is not one of those, it is a keeper which will become my handy guide until I become a more accomplished desert gardener. I am moving from New England to Nevada. I wrote about it in my book "*Flight to Health*" about a single dad and 4 kids, available at .

Perfect book with everything I needed to know outlined. Even done by the Month of the Year.

I used this for years living near Las Vegas. It answered all sorts of questions that Midwestern books just can't. I particularly like the calendar section that gives you tasks to do in each season. The pests and diseases section is also good because it addresses desert specific issues

Anything written by George Brookbank is pretty the Bible for gardening here in Tucson - he's so

thorough and spot-on!

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