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Grow a beer garden! Enhance the flavor, aroma, and personality of your homebrew by cultivating your own hops, herbs, and malt grains. With expert advice on choosing and maintaining the best plants for your needs, Joe Fisher and Dennis Fisher show you how to turn a small patch of backyard, or even a few window boxes, into a renewable brewing supply store. Discover the satisfaction that comes from brewing tasty beers using fresh homegrown ingredients.

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Steve says

Terrific little book that takes a very different approach from that of other homebrewing books. The recipes are fascinating, for beers heavily flavored by such things as Lavender, Dandelion, Anise, etc. The long discussion of hops is good, too, but it's the recipes that set your imagination going.

My Cascades are flowering a bit now, and look terrific. Based on past experience (i.e., once) I expect 4 - 5 oz. of dried hops from them and am looking forward to brewing with them in the fall! Last time I made a sort of Anchor Liberty Ale clone, which is always good. I toasted my own grains for that recipe, and maybe will again, though I'm a bit out of practice on the brew front.

Alexandrea says

I really give it 4.5 stars, it was very helpful but I think I would have liked a bit more info on growing.

Daniel Dimitroff says

Just about everything in this book I had already found online somewhere for free. Broke no new ground for me.

John Hubbard says

I based my hopgrowing largely on this book. But haven't really tried more of it. Useful but not inspiring.

Thomas says

Solid and useful information, I can't wait to start growing some hops. What I really liked was these guys live just a few miles away, so I know this is doable with Maine's not always cooperative weather and soil. Nice list of authors to read and people to contact. Check it out.

Esther Marie says

The Homebrewer's Garden: How to Grow, Prepare & Use Your Own Hops, Malts & Brewing Herbs is authored by brothers Joe Fisher and Dennis Fisher. This excellent book was used to research a guide for home gardeners interested in producing hops and other beer ingredients at home. Chapter titles include "Homegrown Hops," "Brewing Herbs," "Homegrown Grains & Homemade Malts," and "Beer Recipes." Unsurprisingly, the content is much more detailed and expansive than anything home gardeners can find online. In particular, the Hop Directory (a listing of hop varieties and their properties) and the section on brewing herbs are especially useful.

Homebrewer's Garden is a great book for the home gardener who is interested in growing plants to make beer at home, for the home brewer who wants to learn more about the ingredients used to make beer, and for those who enjoy beer and have an academic interest in the topic.

Dave says

Great little book packed full of useful information on all sorts of plants and techniques. Lets grow a field of barley.

Jennifer Eifrig says

Really great little book with lots of helpful info. Some here have given it lower ratings because by their own admission they aren't ready for this kind of gardening and brewing adventure. Absolute newbies will probably do better with a basic brewing guide, but for anyone with a spirit of adventure this is a handy volume.

Tait Sougstad says

(Ok I didn't read all of the recipes or study every listed pest, but I did read the rest!)

A great book for anyone wanting to make brewing a part of their garden. Explanations on growing and using hops, barley, other grain adjuncts, and herbs. Includes several brewing recipes at the end. It's true that you can find all of the information in other books, but it is an informative read on a 101 level and a good reference book for the cross-section of horticulture and beer.

Polly Krize says

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

A comprehensive, well-written guide to setting up your garden for brewing purposes. Home growing of hops, malts and brewing herbs are all covered in detail, from seed to planting to pest control. Recommended

for novice or experienced home brewers.

Glenn says

Nearly half the book is advanced brewing recipes of heavily herbed brews. The other half is really great growing info on a broad range of useful plants. I was interested primarily in the hops section, which did not disappoint, and may now be interested in growing barley as well.

Erin says

Although I had no intention of growing my own hops or grains, I really enjoyed this book. It has an excellent section on herbs and such that have been used for brewing throughout the centuries that got me immediately thinking about all kinds of funky fresh beers to cook up.

Darrenglass says

I suppose the real review should come after I find out how well my hops harvest goes (so far one plant is going gangbusters and the other...um...seems dead) and how the recipes taste (I'll try the oregano pale ale in the near future), but the book was quite interesting and readable and seemed full of good information.

Colby Moorberg says

Overall I enjoyed it. It's about one-third growing hops, one-third growing other beer-related herbs, and one-third recipes. It was informative, and well done. However, the authors did enough organic food preaching to be distracting.

Blayne says

A friend and I are going to start homebrewing in the new year. I picked this book up at the local library hoping to glean some information, but this book was not very helpful to a newbie. I expected as much, but picked it up anyway.
