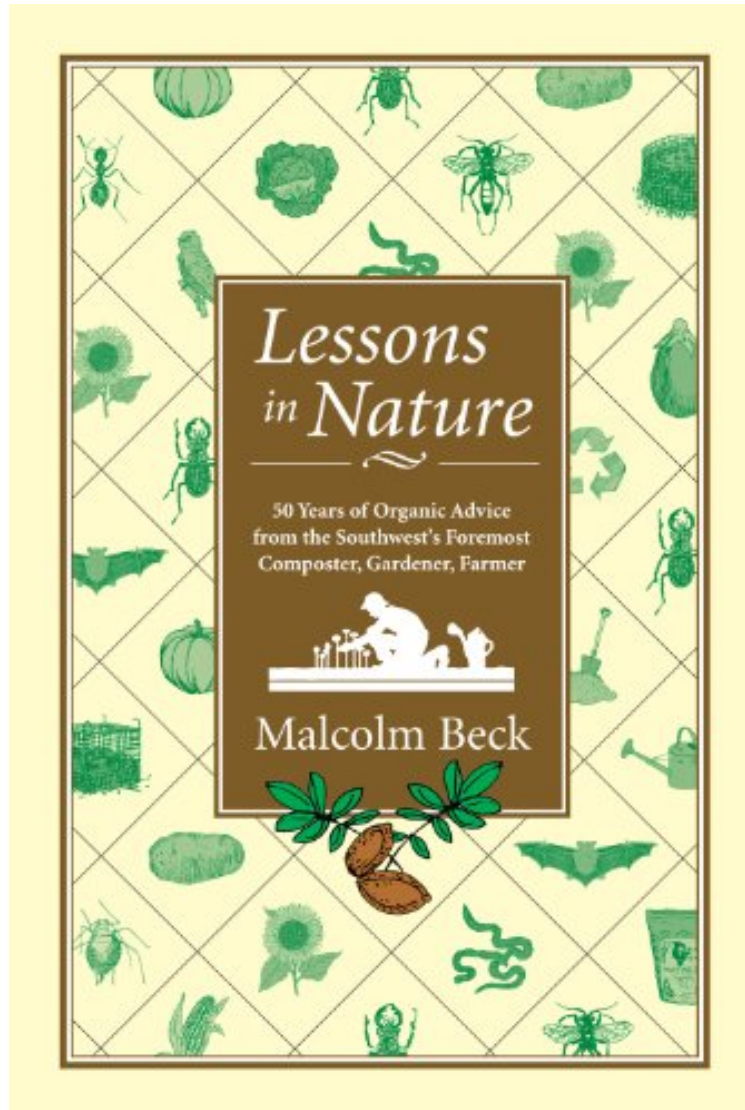


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Malcolm Beck : Lessons in Nature before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lessons in Nature:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great book of love and respect for the marvel of practical gardening -By c langridge This is a fascinating and delightful book, filled with information that is pure gold for people who want to know how to make their pot plants and/or their whole property thrive, giving abundant vigorous health to every kind of life, fauna and flora. A lifetime of watching nature and experimenting - with his whole family involved - with as many (low-cost, natural) ideas as their curious intelligence could incorporate. The result is a gold mine of

practical information, here to be harvested. We're reading it out loud in the evenings and it is a graduate course in practical gardening, delightfully presented. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for the serious gardener. By jrsdarlin' Interesting book for those who want to learn, really learn. Lots of practical information about organic gardening from a gardener who loves to research and experiment. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. small backyard garden. By Reader Views. Reviewed by Irene Watson for Reader Views (7/06) Malcolm Beck is an expert in organic gardening and shares his expertise in a concise, informative book "Lessons in Nature." He covers composting, fertilizing, mulching, insecticides, as well as tree and lawn care, gardening, beneficial insects and everything else you need to know to create an organic atmosphere in your yard or farm. I have personally composted yard and kitchen waste for many years and found Beck's writing on composting confirming that I am doing the right thing. Beck indicates that kitchen wastes (vegetables and fruits) have ample nitrogen to create compost. I was always under the impression that heat within the compost pile itself is necessary, however, Beck advises that heat is not necessary. His comment is "I have never seen a forest floor heat up." He further explains, "Nature demands that all organic materials be recycled. The carbon cycle must be completed. Composting is Nature's way of recycling." The other area of interest in Beck's book was mulching. There are many opinions of what type of mulch should be used, however, Beck suggests that compost is the best type of mulch, with corn cobs being second best. He also keeps reiterating to mimic a forest floor. Beck's "Lessons in Nature" is a must for anyone wanting to start organic gardening. It is full of to the point information that is written in a lay person's terms. The information is easy to understand and simple to implement into your own garden, whether it be a small backyard garden, a large farm, or a balcony potted garden. Received book free of charge.

This expanded edition of Beck's classic *The Garden-Ville Method* includes even more practical and inspirational philosophy and techniques on soil building, planting and growing, pest control and more. Told in a modest and often humorous style, *Lessons in Nature* combines empirical observation with a healthy dose of common sense. Through his observations and experience, Malcolm Beck will help readers discover nature while growing delicious food, all without damaging the environment. This book can provide the beginner with all the information needed to get started using organic methods, and to experience the rewards of an organic lifestyle.

About the Author Malcolm Beck is known throughout the country as a leading authority and practitioner in the field of organic growing. Beck's homespun approach to farming and gardening is based on the belief that if you work with nature, nature will reward your efforts. He is a lifelong organic farmer and the founder of Garden-Ville, a composting/recycling business and retail horticultural supply house. He speaks widely throughout the country and is particularly well-known in Central Texas. His Garden-Ville operation has grown from a composting pile on his family farm to a multimillion-yard operation in a few years. He has authored and co-authored many books on organic gardening, including *The Secret Life of Compost*.