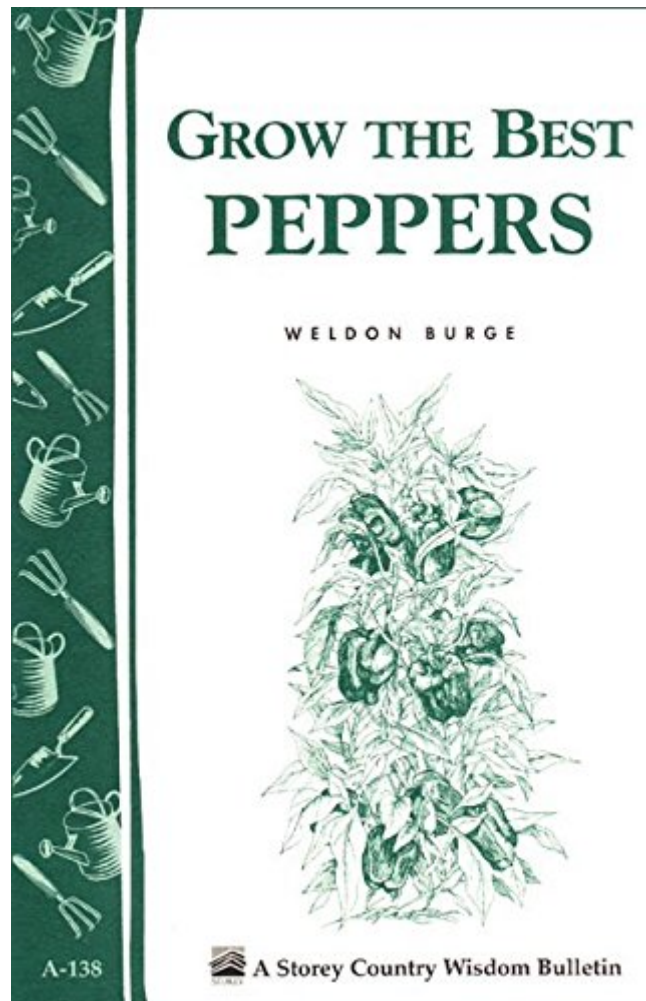


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# Grow The Best Peppers: Storey's Country Wisdom Bulletin A-138 (Storey Publishing Bulletin)



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## Customer Reviews

Great little pamphlet. Quick to read, a lot of helpful information that I didn't find elsewhere in larger gardening volumes. Highly recommended.

It's a bit long in the tooth (from 1995) and consists of a 32 page single topic pamphlet. It's not described as being updated, however the last page lists sources and has phone numbers, emails and websites listed...just not sure all of those were on line as early as 1995! In any case, the series is a little hit or miss. I did not like the chicken pamphlet and loved the asparagus one. This is not revolutionary material and can be hunted down elsewhere, however there is something extremely

useful about having it all in one place and the ease of flipping pages while planning next years growing plan. The only thing I've read elsewhere that I wish was included was a little about seed saving. Also, apparently (I'm new to peppers) you can have active crossing between various plants so if you grow hot and sweet peppers next to each other then the results may be a surprise down the line. The Table of Contents: 1. A Brief History of Peppers 2. Sweet Peppers

I like this little book. I come back to it now and again for stuff I forgot. It covers basic things like spacing, starting peppers indoors, disease, harvesting, storage, and some information like species, classifications, days to harvest etc. It is not a big book. It's more of a pamphlet. (32 total pages) Hence the reasonable price. It is not going to be a book that would cover more than what you might 'google' on the internet. However, it is handy, and an easy read.

I am an urban gardener and I have been very lucky with my last 9 harvest EXCEPT for my peppers. Whether it be a sweet bell or a spicy Chili pepper I have always come up short on these plants while the rest of my garden seemed to thrive. I love to cook and I love spice, so my disappointment each year has grown into more and more frustration, I had even tried the pre-potted peppers at the garden store. Still no peppers. I purchased this little book in hopes of finding out why, and sure enough, I did. Peppers are a finicky bunch, and I was not paying close enough attention to the needs of the plant. This book, although small, is very informative and had some very good information. Like the fact that a pepper plant can be self pollinating and in some cases may need help (if number of plants is low) in order to produce the pepper. Now it does not give you the history of the pepper, or every little detail on how to grow, but any gardener with dirty nails will find this book useful. It goes into drainage, bringing peppers indoors, and soil type and food for your plants. A well rounded, useful little handbook

I enjoyed this publication overall. It was quite informative, but not exactly complete. Quite a few varieties of peppers don't make it into this pamphlet, including the wildly famous ghost pepper (bhut jolokia). However, it is overall a decent book with some helpful tips for growing. There were a couple of things that were counter to what I thought I knew. The most obvious was that the author suggested growing your pepper plants so that they touch each other. He stated that they produce better individually when you do so. I have actually done this with three of my plants to test this out. So far, they have grown quite a bit larger, but as of yet, they haven't begun to flower, so I can't speak to the veracity of this yet. When I can, I will update this. Some of the other info is common knowledge

to pepper enthusiasts, but helpful for the layman or garden farmer. Such info includes stressing your plants to promote more hotter and larger pepper growth, and of course the fact that the hotter and drier the environment, the hotter the pepper.

I started growing peppers decades ago. This book gave me several tips I was unaware of, hopefully we get a better yield in our new garden this year than last year. We recently moved to a home with heavy clay soil - last year our yield on sweet peppers was lean, however cayenne peppers were heavy last year. So this book I'm applying to the sweet peppers.

I bought this book in Kindle form so I could have it handy when I'm out in the garden. It takes about 45 minutes to read. It's a good reference to have, but mostly it covers things experienced pepper-growers already know. And it's a little bit pricey for the length. More than once they write, "Buy seeds and call your local County Extension with any questions." Ok...thanks, I guess.

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