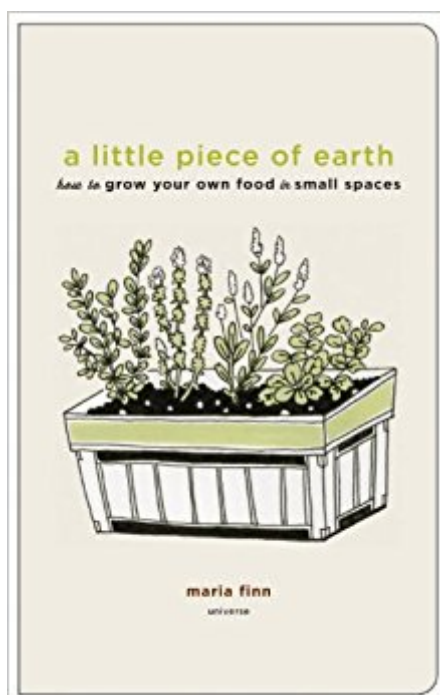


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# A Little Piece Of Earth: How To Grow Your Own Food In Small Spaces



## Synopsis

A hip, eco-friendly guide with fun and easy projects for all levels. Eating locally has so many benefitsâ”for the planet, for your health, and for your tastebudsâ”and you canâ”t get much more local than your very own backyard. But is planting a garden too big a commitment? Then this book is for you. *A Little Piece of Earth* is all about starting small, with more than fifty self-contained, doable projects. Whether you have a yard, a terrace, a rooftop, or just a windowsill, there are plenty of ideas and inspirations to choose from. Harvest your own precious vanilla pods from a pot indoors. Grow savory shiitakes on a small log in your kitchen. Build a miniature vineyard trellis on your deck or build a raised bed on your patio. Recipes for using your homegrown bounty are sprinkled throughout. Charming illustrations guide you through step-by-step, and thereâ”s a complete resources section. This is about making dirt work for you, taking some control over your food supply, and, most important, enriching your life with the quiet, simple pleasures of produce raised organically with your own hands.

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"Maria Finn proves that green-thumbed urbanites needn't feel limited to a few houseplants.

Charming illustrations accompany instructions for growing lemons, shitake mushrooms, heirloom tomatoes, figs, and more on windowsills, balconies, patios, and rooftops. Chapters on foraging and community gardening round out the book." ~Sierra Club's The Green Life blog "A small, lovely book about gardening in tight spots: patios, fire escapes, windowsills." ~Entertainment Weekly "Finn gets you thinking literally outside the box about endless possibilities for growing exotic produce within

apartment limits" ~San Francisco Bay Guardian

Maria Finn has written for Saveur, Metropolis, Forbes, The New York Times, ABC.com, and The Los Angeles Times. She is the founder of Prospect & Refuge, a garden-design firm specializing in edibles in urban gardens.

Gave this book to my sister. She has enjoyed it and it spurred her on to grow her herbs on her patio. I copied the recipe for the lemons

Most small-space garden books that I've purchased seem to assume you have at least a small plot of real earth to plant in, and give scant information about container gardening. This book is much more thorough.

I bought this expecting tips for a beginner but instead the book focuses more on cute ideas and how to grow in small spaces. It serves better for unique ideas and fails to offer a beginner much advice on problems growing in a small space. If someone is looking for unique planting ideas or how to be a little more "hippy" this is a great book. If a reference is needed, avoid this book and consider it later when gardening skills are more developed.

What a great book. I am an experienced gardner and still found great reference material and information. It was fun to read also.

I bought this book for myself and have since bought several copies for gifts. The books itself is so cute: beautiful color scheme, drawings and overall feel. The content is even better: simple, straight-forward, helpful to anyone and endearing. For \$10, you really can't go wrong.

A Little Piece of Earth is a truly amazing book from cover to cover jam-packed with practical information. You need to really pay attention as you read on. Each word has a purpose. Each sentence is a bullet point to fill up lists of tips with. Great advice for your small space garden.

The first time I read this book, I thought gardening was hard, and my space wasn't right, etc etc. So once I finished, I put it down and failed at some tomatoes. Now, I have a south facing balcony and I've pick it back up with a few cuttings already in the ground. She's a little disorganized in her

writing, but I enjoy the anecdotes with the tips. I'm inspired to start up a bit of a gardening community among my colleagues in hopes of diversifying my little balcony garden with what's available. I wish the book was longer and with a little less focus on trees but it's a great reminder that you can have quality herbs and vegetables available year round.

A great, fun read that will inspire your imagination. I bought this book at Powells while visiting Portland, OR: the mecca of garden-growing earth lovers. Finn's voice is authentic, warm and encouraging while her specific advice remains a bit laconic. This is by no means the tome for which you will absorb the world's wisdom of food growing. "A Little Piece of Earth" is a delightful primer, targeted at inspiring you to begin your progress, which of course will require referencing other regional gardening guides and, most helpful of all, gardeners and food-growers. Once you get going (with either more space, or more ambition), "The Organic Garden Book" and "Mini Farming: Self Sufficiency on 1/4 acre" are incredibly helpful. But for inspiring your imagination, for both beginners and experienced green-thumbs, I strongly recommend "A little piece of earth".

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