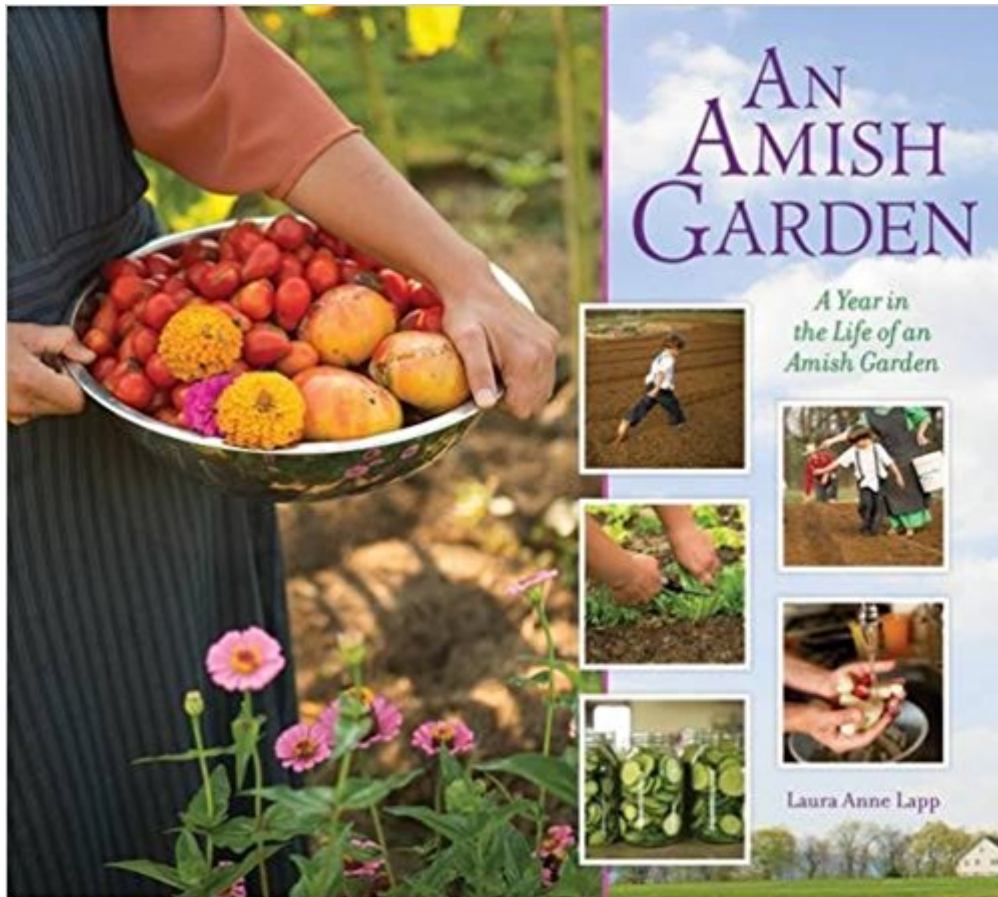




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# Amish Garden: A Year In The Life Of An Amish Garden



## Synopsis

An Amish Garden: A Year in the Life of an Amish Garden takes you to six working Amish gardens, from January through December. Matchless photos show the garden asleep, the Amish women putting together their orders for seeds, the preparation of the soil, parents and children planting, the emerging plants, the lush harvest, the food being preserved. This close-up of a world seldom seen shows how the seasons and Amish life work rhythmically together. Laura Anne Lapp lives with her husband and three young sons in a tucked-away valley. Gardening is simply the highpoint of her year. Step apart and enter this pastoral world of hard work, sturdy families, the freshest of flowers and produce, all in harmony with the seasons.

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## Customer Reviews

Readers will find themselves in a different world as Lapp shares her yearlong diary of planting and tending a vegetable garden amid the rhythms of Amish life in central Pennsylvania. Lapp and her family and neighbors live a pastoral existence in harmony with the seasons, and she writes about gardening as the act of turning something plain into something beautiful. The month-by-month structure takes readers from January's planning a grateful rest period for the gardener through February, March, April, and May's cleanup, seeding, and sprouting sunflowers, as a tiny foal enjoys her first run in the pasture. July and August bring a harvest of cucumbers, tomatoes, and corn, followed by clearing out the garden, canning, and

freezing throughout the fall for the coming winter season. Jeremy Hess's lustrous color photographs depict the garden throughout the year and document the creation of mouthwatering dishes made with Lapp's homegrown produce and recipes, which she shares. This lovely and unusual blend of personal reflections, gardening insights, and cooking suggestions will delight readers interested in nature, gardening, food, and Amish life. --Whitney Scott

~~~~~ Laura Anne Lapp, a member of the Amish church, lives with her husband and three young sons in a tucked-away valley in central Pennsylvania. Before her marriage, she was a teacher in an Amish school for eight years. Gardening is the highpoint of Laura Anne Lapp's year. In this book, she writes about a year in the life of her own garden and features, in addition, the gardens of five of her Amish relatives and neighbors.

As noted by another reviewer this is not a book about gardening. It is a heartwarming account of a woman and her garden -- a garden that is used to feed her family. The text is lovely and the pictures beautiful. It provides a small insight into another way of life, its joys and challenges. It seems to be a very honest work. I have read it in pieces. It does not seem to be the type of book to read in one sitting. I plan to come back to it as the year progresses.

Very lovely book. The pictures just make me want to get back out into my own garden, even though, it is starting to wind down another year. I quite enjoyed that no matter where we garden and make our homes, every spring gardeners everywhere have that perennial thought: How many of this should I plant this year? Hmmm what new variety and how many shall I try? Where will there be room to put another of that? We always find room and seem to always have plenty enough to share through the season. A very lovely addition to my gardening collection, Thank you, Kate

This book is wonderful. So charming, and so heartwarming for this nasty March day when I am dreaming of my garden and hearing a forecast of MORE SNOW! The pictures are beautiful, and there is more than just gardening advice. There is also a glimpse into home...and I love how the author doesn't pretend that she is perfect at gardening, like a lot of other gardeners do.

read it from cover to cover great book

This book has wonderful stories and photographs. I first saw it in Lancaster County in a store but

had a better deal. I am so inspired now.

It's a very pleasant read. It also helped me to learn whether I was on track with my gardening.  
Thanks.

I read the entire book the day it arrived. I loved it.

I live among the Amish in northern Indiana. They are for the most part great gardeners. I come from the Amish. My parents became Mennonite before I was born. My ancestors are from Switzerland so I think we all love the soil and like to grow things.

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