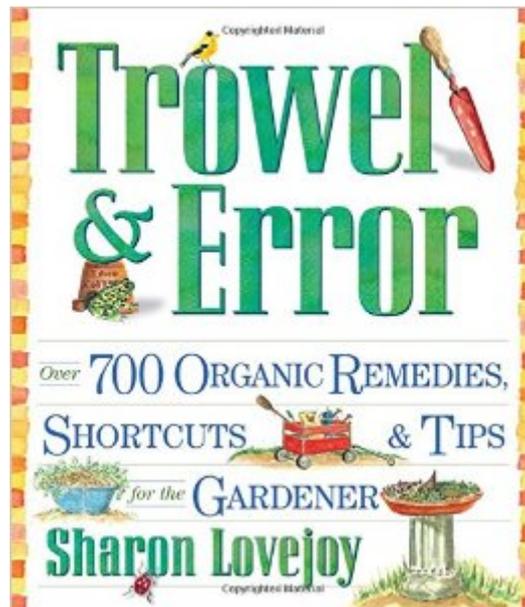


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Trowel And Error: Over 700 Organic Remedies, Shortcuts, And Tips For The Gardener



Synopsis

Ever since she was old enough to help her grandmother in the garden, Sharon Lovejoy has spent her life working with plants--and along the way, through "trowel and error," she's accumulated hundreds and hundreds of remedies, tips, short-cuts, and cure-alls. Now Ms. Lovejoy--author of *Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots* and the award-winning *Sunflower Houses*--does for the garden what Heloise or the Queen of Clean does for the household. *Trowel and Error* collects all of her homespun garden advice into an inviting, environmentally friendly, whimsically illustrated yet dead-on helpful book that will benefit every gardener, beginner or experienced. Cure plant viruses with spoiled milk. Steep a natural and effective insecticide out of fresh basil. Place flat stones under squash or melons to hasten ripening. Recycle an old apple corer as the perfect dibber for muscari and other small bulbs. Start rosemary cuttings in a green glass bottle. Sprinkle baby powder over seedlings to discourage rabbits. Crush a garlic clove and apply it to your skin as an insect repellent. From urging the reader to take an occasional shower with the houseplants to giving all-natural gardenside first aid, *Trowel and Error* is a direct line to the kind of practical wisdom that comes only after a lifetime of experience. The book is indexed by problem, plant, pest, and solution, and includes a list of tools and common household items--borax, cornmeal, vinegar--that completes the gardener's arsenal.

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This has to be one of the most original books I think I've read -- and not just within the gardening

category. This is the type of book that if you adopt just one or two of the over-700 ideas, your money would be well spent. You will benefit not only from the author's years of professional experience, but also from the trial (trowl) and error in her own garden. The art and design of this book is fabulous, and is presented in easy bytes. I love this book and highly recommend it to any gardener -- from beginner to expert. pjpublications.com

A fantastically informative and humorous book. Hundreds of organic ways to keep your garden free of pests and predators plus much, much more. I have all of Sharon's books. They are by far my favorite of the dozens of gardening books I own. I had better purchase a second book for my garden library because I know I will wear this book out. A note to Sharon Lovejoy - KEEP WRITING !!! Barbara Cusick, Certified Advanced Master Gardener.

It's a little book, but it is PACKED with great information. Especially if you are trying to stay pesticide free - this is a great resource for you. I have two small children who can help garden with this book, all her suggestions are pet and child friendly! Great ideas for things you probably already have around the house that will improve your garden. I have only had it a little while, but have already used a bunch of recommendations SUCCESSFULLY! Funny to read, delightful illustrations, accurate information and wonderful tips and tricks. Buy it. You won't regret it!

I'm only a few pages into this book and I had to stop to enter this review. BUY IT!!!! You'll be glad you did. It is so cute and full of great information. This book has already earned a permanent spot in my gardening book collection.

I first checked this book out at the library before I bought it. I don't have a lot of spare cash and quite honestly, I don't have a lot of space, either. This book was worth the cost in both space and money! First of all, even if it wasn't jammed packed with really useful information for a gardener of any skill level, I would like it for the illustrations--it's just charming. Also, the advice is broken up in little tid-bits that make it easy to read--pick it up, and put it back down again with ease. There's many useful ideas in here, my favorite being the compost-pile pumpkin trick (grow a prize-winning pumpkin--make it a compost heap and plant it on top) and the tobasco pepper bug spray. (Doesn't work on Cajun bugs--just kidding). You won't regret getting this little book whether you garden a little or a lot. Ms. Lovejoy has packed it with such charming ideas and useful information that you'll want to buy a copy for your gardening friends as well! It makes a great little gift.

I have had such fun reading through this book. There are so many quick and easy remedies for the garden. I have started to use many of them already, and I have had the book only a couple of weeks. Also, the pictures that accompany the helpful hints are so cheerful and fun I did not want to stop reading.

This has become my favorite gardening book overnight. Not only does it have so many wonderful and unconventional ideas, but it is written with warmth and humor. It is not your ordinary factual gardening manual--willow tea, strawberry baskets sunk into the ground for finicky transplants, homemade hollyhock and rose spray, coffee grounds for acid loving plants, fool-proof natural cat repellent. And, those are just a few of Sharon LoveJoy's clever ideas! I highly recommend this book. I find myself constantly pulling it out just for the enjoyment of reading it and getting a great big smile on my face-- even when there is no gardening to be done. The writing is great, the little sketches are great and the ideas are wonderful. I can't say enough. I just love this book. Give it a try. I think you will be happy.

This book is charming - wonderful illustrations and short quick ideas. The delightful artwork makes it perfect for a gardening parent. And adults will like her environment-friendly recipes and suggestions. Easy to read a topic when you have a few minutes.

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