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Compost Tea Making



Synopsis

Compost Tea Making is the first comprehensive, practical guide to creating compost tea for farms, orchards, vineyards, lawns, and gardens. This essential reference book explains why compost teas have such powerful, beneficial effects for all plants. The global compost tea revolution is in its infancy. Readers will begin to grasp the importance of rejuvenating the microbial life in our agricultural soils world-wide. Seasoned with the authors incurable dry humor, elegant prose, photographs, and interviews with professionals, this book demystifies the often-confusing ideas and techniques used to make compost teas. With simple recipes, techniques, and equipment, the actual making of compost tea is easy. Learn why compost teas are so powerful and effective--How to brew compost teas--Compost tea applications--How to put together a simple compost tea brewer--How to make compost specifically for compost teas. How to create worm castings for compost teas--How to build practical, movable worm bins--How to combine EM products with compost tea to increase its potency

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Customer Reviews

Really liked this book. Pretty short and to the point. The author includes some scientific/technical stuff but you can easily pass over a lot of that if it's not something you're interested in. I just recently got into organic gardening and heard about the benefits of compost tea. With so many recipes on the internet I wanted to find a source for some recipes I could trust and had some scientific rationale for the ingredients and their amounts. He included three separate, and very simple, recipes; 1) bacterial dominated tea 2) fungal dominated tea and 3) balanced (bacterial/fungal) tea. He also included a pretty detailed section on Vermicompost, which is also something I recently started doing. I learned some very useful information regarding that. He also threw in some short interviews with people who were doing vermicompost and compost tea on a large scale. Some interesting tidbits of information were gleaned from those also.

It's really quite straightforward when you think about it. A good organic product such as thermal compost or worm castings can be improved. This book demystifies the rather straightforward process of boosting an already appetising garden supplement such that it becomes a remarkable fertiliser. There are detailed descriptions of all the process steps, the role of invisible entities (good and bad) that get involved from start to finish, scientific analysis of most aspects of the process, discussion that addresses climatic extremes so no matter where you are you can identify with spectrum, interviews with people that happily share their knowledge and save you the trial and error and, a healthy scepticism or reality check through out such that you don't feel you are being coerced into some new age nonsense. After researching the topic of compost teas on the net it was a relief to find a sensible book that actually teaches you how to do something so beneficial for your garden. And then there are the results to celebrate - nothing is better than a happy garden

I liked the book but the interviews didn't help me with anything. I would have preferred more technical information than interviews.

than Elaine Ingraham's "Soil Food Web", which talks about the same thing. And it's easier to find specific compost tea recipes, and there are more recipes than in Ingram's book. But Ingraham's book has much more depth and explanation of the why of compost tea. She has a doctorate on the subject. But her book almost overwhelms with information. So get this book if you want the short version and more tea recipes. But you're better off with both.

Thank you very much

The author is obviously very knowledgeable and talks to you in a elementary level that is fun and easy to understand. Thanks to kindles instant dictionary when he did throw the occasional \$5 word I was able to understand. I learned a lot and the best part in my opinion is that at the back of the book he lists a ton of other great resources to dive into to learn more! Glad I got it.

This book was a fairly quick and very engrossing read. It was written in easy to understand, laymen's terms, and was entertaining as you learned from it. It includes lots of simple recipes for compost and for compost tea. Everything is easy to follow and quite inspiring. It covers quite a lot very concisely.

I like to experiment so I love this book. There are lots of recipes to choose from.

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