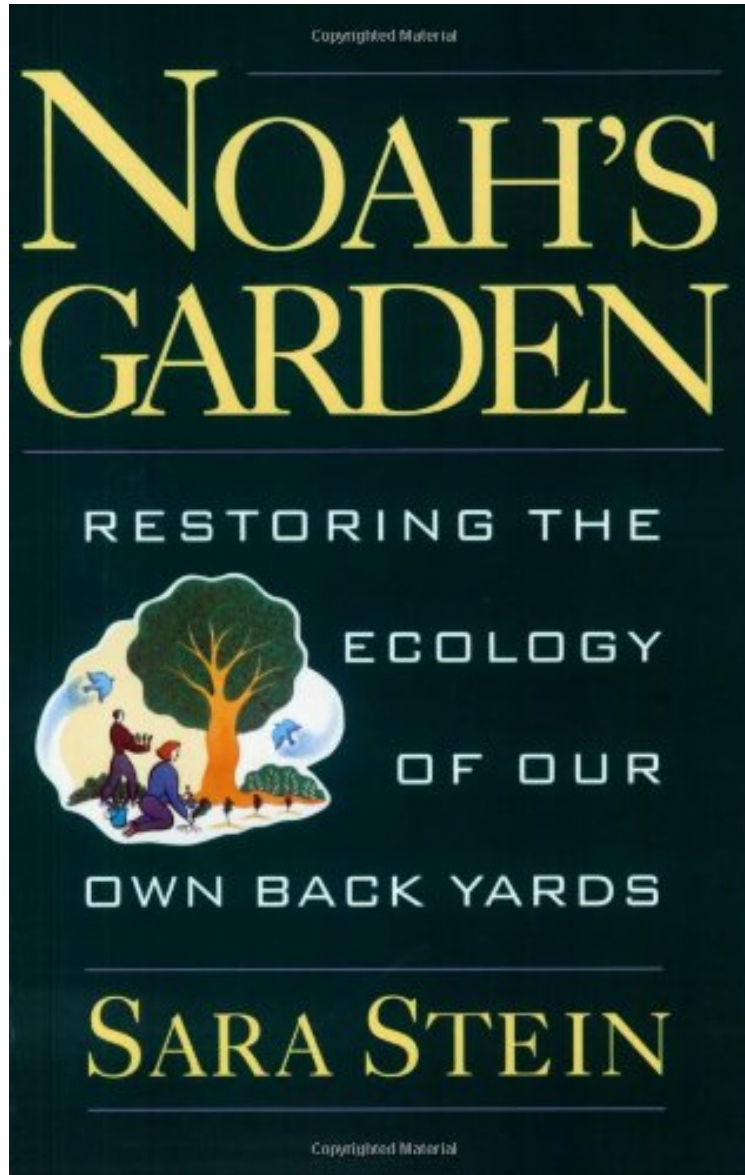


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**Sara Stein : Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyards** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyards:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must read for anyone interested in a more environmental approach to gardening By Karen LRAs a lifelong gardener who has studied landscape architecture read extensively on

environmental gardening I believed I knew a lot about the subject. I was wrong. This little book tells the story of one family's experiences of turning their land into an environmentally balanced ecosystem in doing so dispels the myths of the so called environmentally friendly methods of pest control. The science behind the popular chemicals so called natural controls is explained, as well as the repercussions of using them. The message is basically if you interfere with nature as little as possible - i.e. plant native plants do not use pesticides, this enables a balanced ecosystem to develop results in much healthier lower maintenance plantings. There is wealth of information provided on suitable plants what wildlife they will attract as well as pitfalls that can be avoided based on the authors own experience. This book has forever changed my thinking on the subject.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent companion to "Bringing Nature Home" By Terry C. Plumb Sara Stein's book is an excellent companion to Doug Tallamy's "Bringing Nature Home," which has inspired so many people to incorporate native plants into their landscape as the best, perhaps only hope, for preserving native insects, birds and other creatures. Using personal experiences as a storyline, she gives vivid examples of how, over time, homeowners can provide a habitat sustainable for native creatures. She may not have the grasp of fauna to equal Tallamy's, but she writes incisively of the complexity of nature and how even the wisest of gardeners can screw things up despite their best intentions.<sup>0</sup> of 0 people found the following review helpful. Tired of mowing? Read this book! By Ancient Geek Surprisingly entertaining for a book that educates you and teaches you to detest well trimmed lawns.

Published to rave reviews in 1993, Noah's Garden shows us how our landscape style of neat yards and gardens has devastated suburban ecology, wiping out entire communities of plants and animals by stripping bare their habitats and destroying their food supplies. When Stein realized what her intensive efforts at making a traditional garden had done, she set out to "ungarden." Her book interweaves an account of her efforts with an explanation of the ecology of gardens. Noah's Garden has become the bible of the new environmental gardening movement, and the author is one of its most popular spokespersons.

.com What kind of grass is planted behind your house? What insects burrow in your soil, and what birds eat them? What's happening in that compost pile you're so proud of? This book may well change the view from your patio. A former old-style suburban gardener, Sara Stein writes convincingly of the ecological history of suburbia and the necessity of good stewardship of the land stolen from prairies and forests to make our back yards. From Publishers Weekly Suburban development has wrought habitat destruction on a large scale, notes the author; our tidy lawns and gardens have wiped out numerous plants and animals, including predators that keep pests in check. Science writer Stein ( *My Weeds* ) calls our attention to the critical role yards play in supporting biodiversity. She describes how she rebuilt her garden in Westchester County, N.Y., using native plants to create pocket woodlands, berried hedgerows and a meadow. Stein gives a fine explanation of the difference between cool-weather lawn grasses and the hot-weather varieties. She disdains the popular "Meadow-in-a-can," reporting that making a real meadow requires approximately three years, and discusses the need to attract the declining frog, toad and turtle populations. This is a valuable book. Illustrations. Author tour. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Stein, who has a garden in Pound Ridge, New York, wrote about her experience in *My Weeds: A Gardener's Botany* ( LJ 3/1/89). She sadly realized, however, that in creating her garden animals had been banished from her Eden. Thus began her "reeducation of a gardener" and the realization that backyards, like rain forests, are an ecosystem. Stein recounts her efforts in planting berry-producing shrubs, learning to live with moles (replace the lawn with a meadow), dealing with insect pests (use resistant varieties of plants), and rejuvenating grass by scheduled burning. Her advice is logical and environmentally sound, but her writing tends to ramble. Line drawings and several appendixes on suggested plants accompany the text. Stein's book aims to refocus the philosophy of backyard gardening and is recommended for public library collections that concentrate on organic and environmental gardening. - Eva Lautemann, Dekalb Coll. Lib., Clarkston, Ga. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.