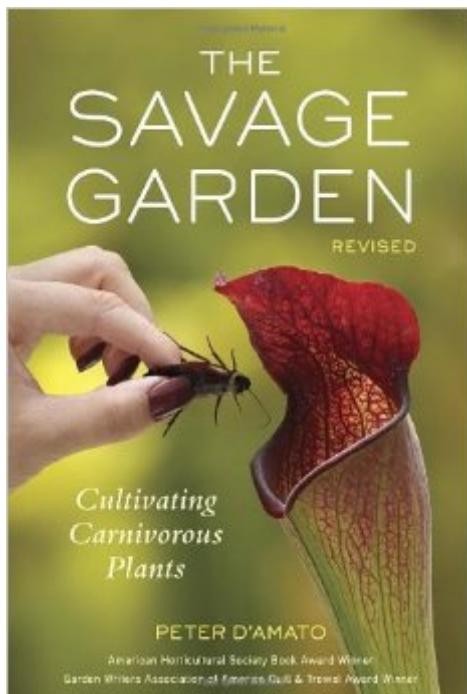


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For fifteen years, The Savage Garden has been the number one bestselling bible for those interested in growing carnivorous plants. This new edition is fully revised to include the latest developments and discoveries in the carnivorous plant world, making it the most accurate and up to date book of its kind. You may be familiar with the Venus flytrap, but did you know that some pitcher plants can "and do" digest an entire rat? Or that there are several hundred species of carnivorous plants on our planet? Beautiful, unusual, and surprisingly easy to grow, flesh-eating plants thrive everywhere from windowsills to outdoor container gardens, in a wide variety of climates. The Savage Garden is the most comprehensive guide to these fascinating oddities, gloriously illustrated with more than 200 color photos. Fully revised with the latest developments in the carnivorous plant world, this new edition includes: All the basics "from watering and feeding to modern advances in artificial lighting, soil, and fertilizers. Detailed descriptions of hundreds of plants, including many of the incredible new species that have been recently discovered and hybridized. Cultivation and propagation information for all the plant families: pitcher plants, Venus flytraps, sundews, rainbow plants, bladderworts, and many other peculiar plants from the demented mind of Mother Nature. Whether you're a beginner with your first flytrap or an expert looking for the latest exotic specimen, this classic book has everything you need to grow your very own little garden of horrors.

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They have captured the imagination with grisly fascination... plants that EAT meat...and their sinister reputation has spawned generations of urban myths and 'B' horror films...Like the witty and intelligent man he clearly is, Peter D'Amato capitalizes on that popular image of carnivorous plants in his delightful book, THE SAVAGE GARDEN, describing the death-throes of an insect lured inside the glowing green hood of a Cobra plant with Hitchcock-like glee. But THE SAVAGE GARDEN is much more than gruesome description: D'Amato offers plenty of "meat" in his lively volume, describing in clear, concise prose the best soil mixtures, containers, and growing conditions (indoor and outdoor) for the best known, and some of the more obscure/rare varietals of carnivorous plants in the world. The day I stumbled upon D'Amato's invaluable guide, I had just rescued a depressed Venus Flytrap from my local nursery, and diligently potted it in a terracotta pot with regular soil on the advice of my supposedly knowledgeable garden expert. Thank goodness D'Amato told me what my nursery did not: the exact soil mixture needed, the ideal growing conditions, and the ALL IMPORTANT tip to use only rainwater or distilled water to avoid killing my little Flytrap with excess mineral deposits. My 7 year old daughter and I have become utterly hooked thanks to D'Amato's clear, witty, and utterly intelligent approach to the care and cultivation of these plants which are largely misunderstood and sadly, quickly disappearing from their natural habitat. If you are interested in starting a collection, or simply learning about these beautiful and unique plants, D'Amato's book THE SAVAGE GARDEN will tell you everything you need to know quickly and concisely, and spur you to further exploration.

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