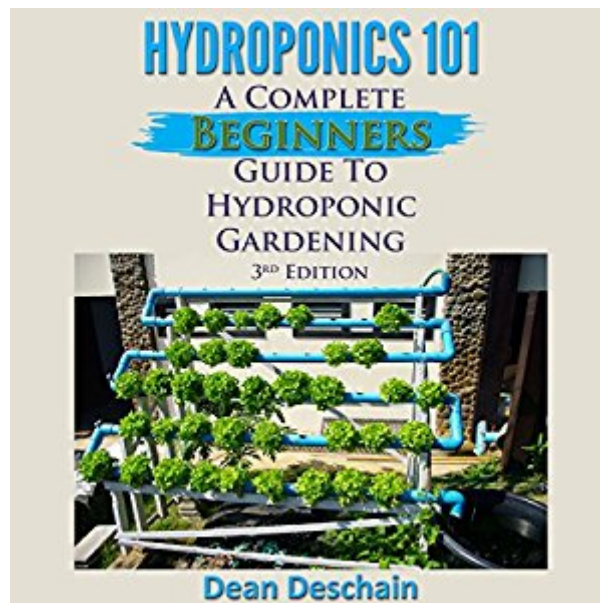




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Customer Reviews

A well-intentioned book, sloppily written and with no useful figures. The author tries to give an overall picture of hydroponics, providing useful insights and advice, including reference to other books and websites. The book becomes weak when it tries to provide detailed instructions - it looks like nobody bothered to proofread the book after the author first jotted it down, and the lengthy disclaimer at the beginning of the book is justified. Some of the hydroponics systems can be figured out, once one realizes for example that the words "bottles" and "plastic containers" are used in the description to mean the same thing and some common sense is applied. The worst is the aeroponic system, where the author, after a detailed shopping list including one slip elbow and instructions to cut 6 each 4.5" and 6" PVC sections, provides the follow instruction: "When using PVC primer, it is acceptable, otherwise connect the 4.5" PVC piece to the elbow connector and the 6" PVC pieces, the latter acting as a riser." Uh? What is acceptable? Also, I may not be the brightest light bulb on the chandelier, but I would love to know how to connect 7 (or 12?) pieces of tubing to a single elbow connector. A drawing may have helped, but the author did not go through the effort of providing one. To add to the confusion, the author uses technical words such as "head" (for a pump) and "riser" that may not be familiar to the average homeowner wishing to put a spare room to good use. In what may be the most useful part of the book, the author refers the reader to other books and to some useful internet videos. No details on the need of specific plants (except cucumbers), but a few pages devoted to the definition of plant parts and diseases. Not a bad book, but there are better ones out there. "How to grow fruits, vegetables, and houseplants without soil" by Richard Helweg is my favorite so far.

I find it difficult to express the depth of my loathing for this book. Firstly, the use of English is clumsy at best. Secondly, there is not a single diagram or illustration accompanying instructions for the building of any hydroponic growing system described in the book. Thirdly, the material and instructions are often so disjointed as to make it seem as if the author was suffering from dementia or simply blind drunk while writing the material. For example, chapter 8 entitled: A Floating Hydroponic Garden, begins with a short narrative of the amazement of Spanish explorers when seeing the gardening techniques of the Aztecs. The first step states, "Using treated lumber of 2 x 8 inches, build a rectangular frame that is 4 feet tall, 1 inch long, and 1 inch wide by 8 feet." Excuse me? What exactly does such a thing look like? A diagram would certainly be a very good addition at that point. Unfortunately, there is none. This same step ends with the words, "...the central point behind this is to eliminate the need for any Styrofoam." Fine. The fourth step instructs the reader to, "Grab a 1 1/2 inch thick sheet of Styrofoam, cut it into 4 x 8 feet and fit it into the lined frame." What?

If the central point of this technique is to eliminate the need for any Styrofoam, why is the reader instructed to get a thick sheet of it and cut it to 4 x 8? Again, no diagram or illustration. Step nine instructs the reader to, "Buy either net pots or Styrofoam coffee cups and cut holes at the bottom..." Really? Seems like a great deal of Styrofoam for something intended to eliminate the need for its use. Subsequent steps drone on as to how to cut holes in the Styrofoam sheet or cup and then to fill the frame/tank/whatever with water so the Styrofoam sheet, "starts to float on at least 5 inches of the solution." In my opinion, Mr. Deschain wrote a horrible book lacking coherent instructions and all visual content that is a critical component of any sound learning methodology that might be employed to produce a truly useful book. I found reading this book an insulting waste of my time and money. The author should splash some cold water on his face, rewrite the book and get an artist to produce useful illustrations for each system and method described. Short of that, this book should be taken off sale as it is simply worthless.

When you think about Hydroponics, terrestrial planting and biological studies are probably not the first things that cross your mind. Dean Deschain is out to change that with *Hydroponics 101: A Complete Beginners Guide to Hydroponic Gardening*. Hydroponics is a combination of two Greek terms, *Hydro* meaning water and *ponics*, which means labor. The age of these terms lends weight to the age and idea of Hydroponics, which has been around for over a thousand years. Deschain jumps in with a quick education on the nature and purpose of soil-less gardening, the advantages and even the disadvantages (not many) of the practice. It seems that any one, practically anywhere can utilize these principles and proven steps to achieve a flush garden. Choosing the right plants for your Hydroponic garden depends on the space you have and the kind of vegetation you wish to grow. Most urban gardens will benefit from Herbs and Greens, while those in a more rural setting with room to spread out can experiment a bit more. I learned quite a bit from this guide, enough that I feel confident enough to set my hand at Hydroponic Strawberries in the upcoming season. I have a porch, which while not large is large enough for a soil-less garden. A great read for anyone seeking to learn about different ways of gardening, how to do it, and how to succeed.

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