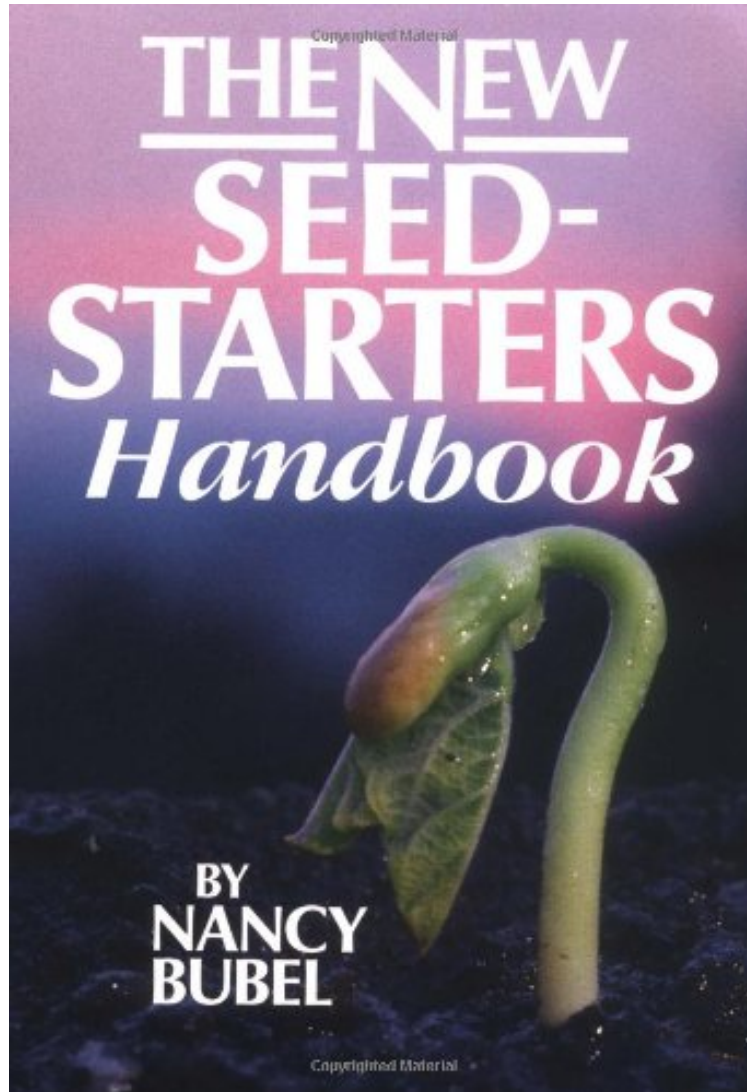


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Nancy Bubel, Jean Nick : The New Seed Starters Handbook before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Seed Starters Handbook:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By Customer This book covers every aspect of seeding, from soil preparation to transplanting and even saving your own seeds. I am an experienced gardener and bought the book mainly because I figured it could help me have better success with starting some veggie and flower seeds indoors instead of always seeding outdoors. The book exceeded my expectations because it goes into detail about soil preparation, seed pre-treatment, differences in indoor/outdoor/greenhouse planting, pests, seed viability, etc. -- I could

go on and on because there is so much great info! All categories are covered too: vegetables, annuals, perennials, herbs, trees and wild flowers. There aren't pretty pictures, just some BW photos and illustrations, but what they have is more than sufficient for explanation. I will definitely get a lot of use out of this book, and I highly recommend it. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Greenhouse is Full of Plants Started From Seed After Reading This Book! By Bold Consumer I've got so many notes, highlighted paragraphs, and post-it notes in this book that it's obvious I got a lot out of it. I had never grown anything from seed before, but my greenhouse is full of plants I grew from seed. It's Winter and it was fun to go out during Oklahoma's record-breaking Christmas Eve Blizzard and there I was in the middle of my vegetable garden. The plants didn't mind the blizzard outside and I'm now harvesting some of what I planted. I learned what not to include in the potting soil when propagating seeds and signs of soil deficiencies, and what to do about it. I'm learning about soil acidity, but I need some time to get a handle on that one. I learned about the spacing of seeds and I used the suggested method of planting lettuce and carrots and the putting radishes inbetween. They are harvested first, leaving plenty of space for the lettuce and carrots. That is important when planting space is scarce. There are notes under pollination, where I learned the different ways specific plants can be pollinated, with or without insects. I am just now trying the method of jiggling tomatoes. I read about but don't yet understand humidity requirements. I learned when to plant outside, by counting back. I need to work on that. My greenhouse is full of beautiful, growing vegetables. I've harvested some, even though I would rather just leave them there. They are beautiful. January is half over. It won't be long until I can take my new skills outside and practice them. I'm glad I had this book. It took some of the 'guess' out gardening from seeds. I really like this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another valuable resource for seed starters and gardeners By Dr. Elizabeth Joy Farkas Very good resource for how to delve into starting one's own flower and vegetable/herb seeds for germination. Mrs. Bubel gives information on how seeds should be treated prior to planting for germination. Some seeds need soaking, other seeds need scarification; some like it cold, or warm, or light or dark to germinate. If you sow seeds and they don't grow, chances are the seeds were not prepared properly.

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From Publishers Weekly In this revised and expanded version of The Seed-Starter's Handbook, gardening writer Bubel discusses starting seeds indoors, moving plants outdoors and saving seeds, then presents a lengthy "encyclopedia of plants to grow from seed" that describes the characteristics of dozens of flowers, vegetables and herbs. Bubel gives advice on the time-consuming process of growing plants from seeds in a writing style that is chatty and accessible. The reader will enjoy her enthusiasm and benefit from her thoroughness. But Bubel can be overly cute, as when she relates how she once "tried planting melon seeds in cast-off shoes." She also tends to repeat herself, and her presentation of technical information on the germination of seeds is difficult to follow. Illustrations not seen by PW. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. "The reader will enjoy [Nancy's] enthusiasm and benefit from her thoroughness." -- "Publishers Week From the Back Cover The New Seed-Starter's Handbook Why start plants from seed? * Earlier harvests * Greater variety * Healthier seedlings * Lower costs * Satisfaction For the most complete, up-to-date information on starting plants from seed, turn to The New Seed-Starter's Handbook. Written by a gardener with 30 years of experience, this easy-to-use reference explains everything you need to know to start seeds and raise healthy seedlings successfully. You'll find: * The latest research in seed starting * The best growing media * The newest gardening materials * Solutions to seed-starting problems * Source lists for seeds and hard-to-find gardening supplies And! An encyclopedia section lists more than 200 plants--including vegetables and fruits, garden flowers, wildflowers, herbs, trees, and shrubs--with details on how to start each from seed.