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The Wartime Kitchen And Garden



Synopsis

Published to tie in with a BBC2 series and an Imperial War Museum exhibition, this book takes readers back to the days when Hitler's U-boats patrolled the Atlantic, and imported foods were scarce. For the men, woman and children left behind during World War II, life changed dramatically. People who had never gardened before had to start growing their own fruit and vegetables, housewives had to cope with rationing, and their families had to get used to unfamiliar foods such as spam and nettle soup. The book includes the personal memories of Ruth Mott and Harry Dodson (television's "Victorian" cook and gardener, respectively), as well as tales and anecdotes from many people who remember wartime cookery and "digging for victory".

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book - goes into so much detail about what it was like cooking and gardening in WW2. I especially enjoyed the part where they go into how difficult it was to obtain certain items.

Gave as a gift to my sister and she loved it. A warm book filled with history, recipes, gardening, and a reminder that we can rise above difficult times with cleverness and grace.

I bought this book for its historical information. It is an easy read and popular in my home; I bought it for myself and at least two other family members are enjoying the book also.

This book is a great history on how the people lived through the WWII in England. Its has a lot of great recipes and know how's of that time. My son enjoyed very much. He liked all the pictures.

This book deals primarily with food rationing in Britain during WWII. It combines information about the various government programs dealing with food and food production with personal reminiscences. As an introductory book on this subject I enjoyed it immensely. I just wish the companion BBC program were available on DVD!

I'm a big fan of the 8 part BBC show "The wartime kitchen and garden". Ruth Mott is *everyone's* grandmother and a lovely woman. The book further expanded on the TV series and was a wonderful compliment.

Really good book. The British people and the British Gov't worked really hard to insure everybody had enough to eat and stayed healthy.

Wonderfully written. Chock full of useful info and recipes! One of the better books I've found on kitchens and gardens during the war.

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