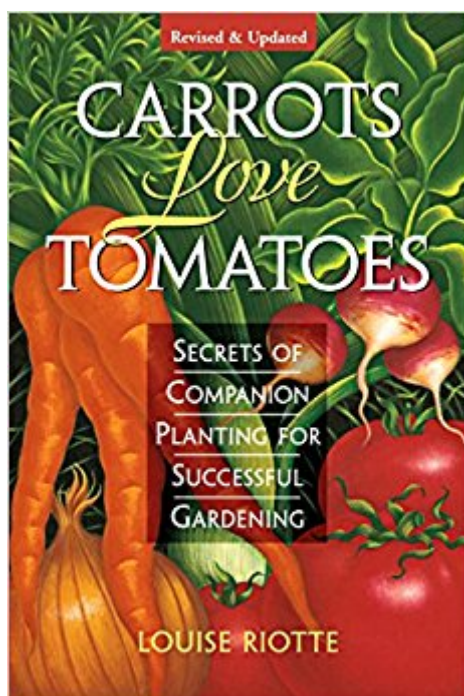


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# Carrots Love Tomatoes: Secrets Of Companion Planting For Successful Gardening



## Synopsis

Plant parsley and asparagus together and you'll have more of each, but keep broccoli and tomato plants far apart if you want them to thrive. Utilize the natural properties of plants to nourish the soil, repel pests, and secure a greater harvest. With plenty of insightful advice and suggestions for planting schemes, Louise Riotte will inspire you to turn your garden into a naturally nurturing ecosystem.

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## Customer Reviews

This gardening classic was first published in 1975, and now a second generation of gardeners who prefer pest-resistant planning to chemicals will find a place for it on the shelves. Not only does it tell what to plant with what, but also how to use herbal sprays to control insects, what wild plants to encourage in the garden, how to grow fruit and nut trees, how to start small plots or window-box gardens, and much more. It's one of the most practical books around for any gardener of edibles, no matter how serious or casual.

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CARROTS LOVE TOMATOES: Secrets of Companion Planting book is great. This was recommended at a workshop on planting and how to best organically avoid pests as well as strengthen the abundance of harvest naturally. So we purchased it. At first it seemed that perhaps it was giving too much credit to what is planted near what else. But, lo and behold after following the secrets of companion planting and putting carrots next to tomatoes -- both plants benefited extremely. The most delicious carrots in abundance as well as tomatoes. So planted those marigolds as suggested and lo and behold once again an abundant harvest and goodness what beautiful flowers. Never knew a flower could help avoid an insect that is detrimental from attacking your plants, but it too worked. Ironically the host of that workshop a year later asked about how we grew so many and such big carrots and the answer was the book she recommended it was a shock. CARROT LOVE TOMATOES, So after actually practicing many of these ideas in this book, we can tell you first hand they work. Matching vegetables and herbs to get more abundant crop growth or avoiding combinations of vegetables and herbs that inhibit each other's growth really WORKS. Easy to read and useful information HIGHLY RECOMMEND

There are many helpful directions in this book - some familiar - but a great guide for a successful garden! And yes, plant the carrots next to tomatoes! It works!

They really need to make the garden design diagrams LARGER...but heaps of info...but don't buy mid season when you will find you did it all wrong!

I expected more based off the reviews. You can learn just as much based off some of the good and free companion planting charts online, and in less time. There is no scientific information, no useful charts, and it seems like some internet companies have become "sources" just as advertising purposes within the book. The book is also set up almost like a glossary of terms, offering general information and little else.

This book (plus a couple of others by the same author, are a must for gardeners who want to grow organically. This one concentrates on companion planting, something I had briefly looked into years ago, but never really explored. But it's so much more than just companions for a veggie garden. There are sections on fruit trees, growing nuts, natural insect and disease repellents. And a section that I enjoyed, since I have had to cut back on having a large garden - mini gardens and

raised beds for those of us who don't bend so well anymore. I found the book delightful to read, and learned a few things I didn't know, or had forgotten.

This has been my new garden bible. I had zero squash bugs--ZERO!--after planting radishes around my squash. Amazing. I've also had trouble with broccoli for years and after putting a pot of mint in the bed they grew and FAST! Two plants got long before I knew it. This book has really helped what I tried to grow do much better, and is the basis of how I design my various garden sections so things don't bump up against incompatible plants. Thank you!

Good Price Works good

As an avid gardener for home use, I'm good enough at it to know I'm not as good as I should be. In the last few years I've been making a concerted effort to change my gardens into something more closed loop, sustainable, organic and productive. Not a small feat, I know, and so references of all sorts have been making their way through my hands. Carrots Love Tomatoes was at the top of my list as it is considered "the" guide to companion planting. Companion planting, for those who don't know, is a way of planting things of different types together or apart based on whether or not they will assist each other, keep a certain pest or disease away, or if they are antipathic towards each other. The concept of interplanting folds nicely into companion planting and is a way of maximizing a limited garden space. So I read this book avidly when it arrived from . I won't say that I was disappointed, but it wasn't all that I expected. For the beginner, there are questions that might have been better answered. Such as the advice to keep certain plants away from each other but not how far. Or the advice to plant a certain herb, say borage, near some types of plants for pest control yet not saying what the general range is per plant so one might know how much of a garden to dedicate to it. It is a cute book in that it has lovely old fashioned snippets and hand drawn images. It is a relatively quick read, but easily referenced later for information you may want to double check. As others have pointed out, there are some factual problems in the book. In particular, the fungi section can be misleading and I wouldn't suggest that anyone harvest any mushroom unless they are with a group of mushroom hunters and they've got experience. Overall, despite the ongoing research into what plants really like to be planted next to other plants, this is a valuable little book to have in the truly complete gardener's reference shelf. It introduces concepts that increase the efficiency of home gardens and improves the ability of the home gardener to fill their pantry with the fruits of their labors...with less labor! As for whether carrots love tomatoes or not, I can say that this year, my first

year interplanting carrots and tomatoes, the carrots were smaller.

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