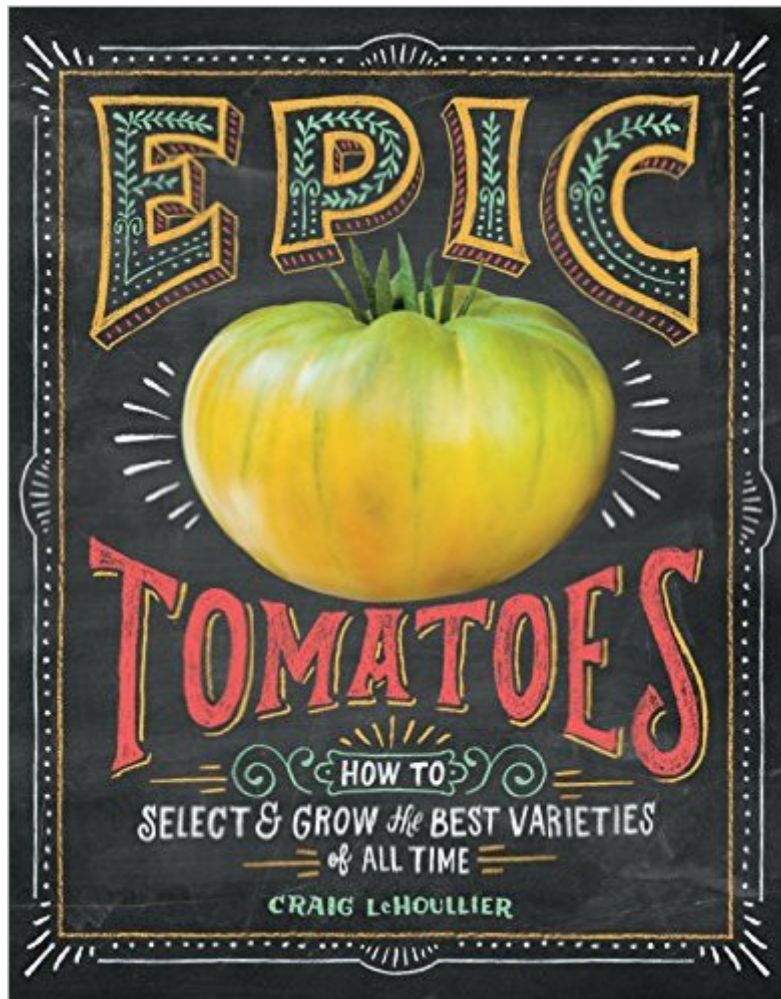


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# Epic Tomatoes: How To Select And Grow The Best Varieties Of All Time



## Synopsis

Savor your best tomato harvest ever! Craig LeHoullier provides everything a tomato enthusiast needs to know about growing more than 200 varieties of tomatoes, from planting to cultivating and collecting seeds at the end of the season. He also offers a comprehensive guide to various pests and tomato diseases, explaining how best to avoid them. With beautiful photographs and intriguing tomato profiles throughout, *Epic Tomatoes* celebrates one of the most versatile and delicious crops in your garden.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a gardener, not an expert, but a gardener none the less. Wow what a book!!!!!!!. I purchased this book as a companion for information that I already use in growing tomatoes. I am astonished at the amount of usable information, written in layman's terms that anyone can understand. The pictures contained in this book are representative of what you can expect to grow. They are not perfect and unblemished but true examples of a real garden. This book can without a doubt help any grower of tomatoes no matter how long they have been growing tomatoes, However it is also a terrific guide for those who want to grow their own tomatoes but do not have the knowledge to do so. It is written in language that even the non-gardener type can easily understand and follow. It has taken me years of trial and error to learn some of the information contained in this book. This is the starting place for anyone considering growing their own food. Much of the information for growing tomatoes, soil amendments, PH, and fertilizers does definitely apply to many other crops. If you have a garden or are even remotely thinking of growing a garden then this book was written for you. Well Done Craig, Very Well Done Indeed!!!!!!! Ron R

Who better to write a book about tomatoes than Craig LeHoullier, who has grown over a thousand different varieties in his own home garden, who lectures around the country as the expert on heirloom tomatoes, and who is the very person to name 'Cherokee Purple', one of the most popular heirloom tomatoes on the market? Craig's newest book shares his passion for this amazingly diverse fruit (get the book to understand why a tomato isn't a vegetable) starting with the history of man's relationship with tomatoes, carefully explaining everything a gardener could possibly want to know about growing tomatoes (including the joys and challenges), as well as covering the profound taste and use differences between types with tips about successful seed saving. There are even a few recipes thrown in for your enjoyment. Epic Tomatoes is a visually gorgeous and extremely useful book that deserves a place in your gardening book collection.

While I've only had a short time to peruse the book, I found myself taken back to numerous conversations and journey's I've personally had with Craig over the past 12+ years on the path to growing Epic Tomatoes. That is what you will get from this book. Craig takes you on a journey, one that is uniquely his own while guiding the reader on their own path. After reading this book, you will know more about growing tomatoes, and tomatoes themselves that you could have expected or hoped for. You will also know more about the author and his journey. Craig gives detailed instructions and guidelines that have worked well for him. Additionally he presents the facts that everyone's gardens/climates are different and provides the information needed to tune his methods to best work for any environment. This book differs from other gardening books in that the photos are realistic impressions of what you would expect to find in your own gardens, and there are plenty of them! Rather than being discouraged that you can't reproduce the perfect fruit highlighted in seed catalogs, you will find the realistic representations of what to expect and how to get there most refreshing. One of my favorite sections (besides the Tomatopalooza[tm] section ) is near the end, where we see the letters that were enclosed with some of our favorite varieties as they were first delivered to Craig. This gives a true accounting of the history behind some of the best varieties around without the fanciful marketing you see elsewhere. I highly recommend this book as an outstanding addition to any lover and grower of our favorite fruit!

Craig LeHoullier has been growing tomatoes for over 30 years. In this book, Craig shares his passion and experience for all things tomato. This is so much more than a "how to grow tomatoes" book. This is the most complete book on tomatoes that I have ever read. The book

includes all of the information that a beginning or hobby gardener needs to be successful. Craig guides the reader through the entire growing process, providing alternatives along the way (â œTo prune or not to prune?â œ), as opposed to just listing a series of steps to follow. Craig does a great job of explaining the â œwhysâ œ in addition to the â œhowsâ œ. There are plenty of detailed photos included as well. There is also a lot of great information for folks that want to have a larger tomato garden. The book includes many of the tips that I have gleaned from Craig over the years as my tomato growing endeavors increased in scale. Some of my favorite tips include â œthe dense planting methodâ œ, hardening off the seedlings, and topping plants. These have proven to be invaluable changes to my process and Iâ™m certain that others will benefit from these tips as well as many other tips included. In addition to growing, maintenance and care information, this book also includes a wealth of information on other topics such as the origin of the tomato, the anatomy of the tomato, seed saving, preserving the harvest, how to breed tomatoes and much more. A must have book for any tomato grower!

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