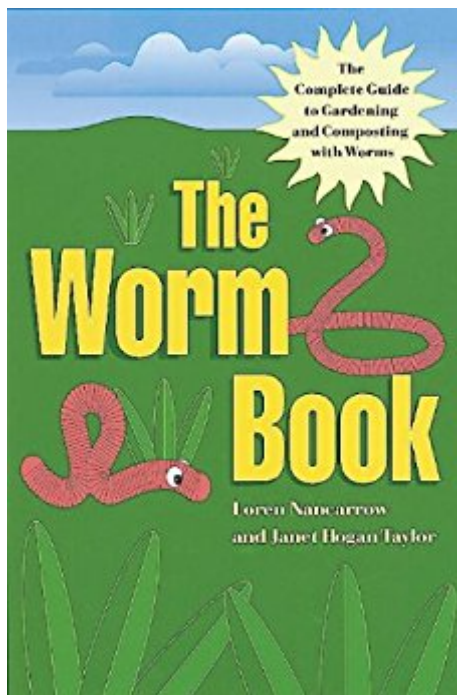




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# **The Worm Book: The Complete Guide To Gardening And Composting With Worms**



## Synopsis

Worms are the latest (as well as, of course, perhaps the oldest!) trend in earth-friendly gardening, and in this handy guide, the authors of DEAD SNAILS LEAVE NO TRAILS demystify the world of worm wrangling, with everything you need to know to build your own worm bin, make your garden worm-friendly, pamper your soil, and much much more. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an adequate broad general overview for a novice. The construction plans are not adequate for someone not familiar with woodworking; you'll need additional plans if you wish to make your own bin. Details could be more robust, for example how much water typically is needed to hydrate bedding. Some technical (or perhaps clerical) errors shouldn't be big problems exist, such as telling you to use eggshells (calcium carbonate) to lower pH (it raises pH).

its a book about worms. i wanted to know more about worms. i definitely got what i asked for. :)

Good read.

If you ever wanted to get a good start in creating your own vermicompost, then this is a great book to go with. The author's give you enough information on worms and their environment to get you going. What I like is there is a good amount of scientific information such as genus, order, and species names, but you never feel overwhelmed like you need to be a scientist to understand it. I didn't really care for the section on worm recipes, as I personally had no intention of eating them, and also the authors mention to not build a worm box out of cedar but give you no reason why. I have built many worm bins out of cedar and have had no problems. I like the sections on dealing with the other inhabitants that will enter your worm box and how to get rid of those that will make the environment unsuitable for your worm population. If you are looking for a book on worms to get started, this is it and well worth the price.

I agree with the others who've stated that "this is an excellent book for beginners" of vermiculture. Loren and Janet explore basic worm biology, how to get started raising your own worms, feeding & maintaining your livestock, pest control techniques, and how and where to use or sell your vermicompost. Overall the book was quite enlightening and interesting, but I gave up in the last chapter where they give a recipe for "Vermicelli and Earthworm Meatballs"! I mean, how could anybody possibly use Worcestershire sauce in a Vermicelli/Earthworm meatball? Just the thought of the Worcestershire Sauce is repulsive, if you ask me!

I can hardly believe that there is this much information about worms to be had, honestly. I ended up deciding NOT to have a worm composting bin, but the information in here is excellent for beginners to experts. Very well written, clear and concise while not being over-bearing. I'd highly recommend this book to anyone considering worm bin composting.

This book is the best that I've seen on the subject of worms and vermiculture. It's comprehensive, even including recipes that include dried, powdered worms, worms in song and poetry--you name it! I've researched this topic extensively in my community and this book addressed every concern for me, a home worm composter wannabe. The only drawback is that it does not provide photos. However, I plan to search the web for photos of the worms that are mentioned in the book so that when I gather them from my yard, I won't put the nightcrawlers with the red wigglers! (Disaster-read the book!)

This is one of the two books most recommended by the vermiculture sites that I have visited. It is a comprehensive guide. It is a great book for children and adults who want to raise worms. It's easy to understand. It is a "must" before you buy the redworms. The only reason I give it a 4 is because it is so basic that young children can understand it and I am quite a bit older.

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