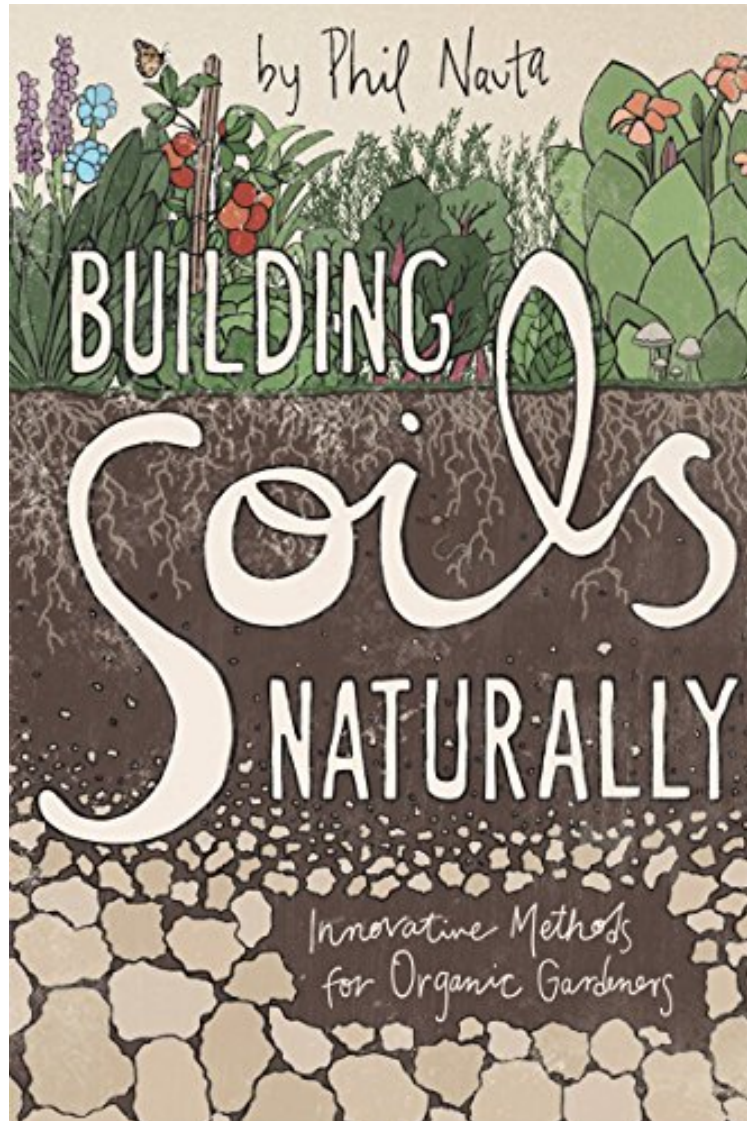


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Phil Nauta : Building Soils Naturally before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Building Soils Naturally:

19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Okay For A Beginner By C. Brenner As a gardener, and a book-head, I buy quite a few books. This book, published by ACRES, is a decent introduction to working with soils, however if you are an experienced gardener you might find it a little light on details. Mr. Nauta covers a lot of ground, but he does not dig deeply. For serious gardeners I would highly recommend Steve Solomon's latest book, 'The Intelligent Gardener' which I rate with 5 stars. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. good information By

gumnutFor the average gardener this book contains a lot and in dept information. It is certainly worthwhile purchasing.Despite this here are some points of critique:1. I have no problem with the more esoteric thoughts, but the book sways a bit around between esoteric and science. It lacks a bit of a red thread which holds the thoughts together.2. There is a plethora of stuff mentioned which might help my garden, and applying this would cost a fortune if I can get it at all (Australia). While he mentions sometimes what he would buy when he only could buy one ingredient, I miss here a bit of overall clarity too.3. The list of weeds and the soil properties they are indicating is far too short and I really missed a thorough chapter on this topic, together with photos to identify these weeds properly.4. He has a certain liking of sprays. This is much more work intensive for a home gardener than just piling some comfrey leaves around the tomato plants.5. I am not interested how to grow a greener lawn, grass is for sheep.Still one of the best books on soil.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Top-10 Go-To Gardening Reference BookBy EarthlyHandsThis book is an excellent synthesis of several schools of thought regarding soil management in organic agriculture, including biodynamics, permaculture, conventional NPK, soil food web dynamics, probiotics, microbiotics, mineralization, and paramagnetism. The book is divided into three sections. The first section provides an overview of the soil food web and its relationship with plants, together with the importance of soil testing and its mechanics. The second section is organized around the author's six-step approach to creating and maintaining a healthy soil and details the role of water, organic matter, microbial inoculants, fertilization, micronutrients, and energy in this process. The third section is the briefest and focuses on action strategies for dealing with pests, weeds, soil amendment, and garden health. Each chapter concludes with a bulleted summary of the key points of information the reader needs to learn and remember.Perhaps, the most significant contribution of this book, however, is that it updates the knowledge base of soil management strategies for real-world gardeners. It's one thing to know a concept, but an altogether different thing in knowing why, when and how to apply it. Nauta bridges this gap by providing how-to subsections with examples for each approach. In the process, the author introduces readers to concepts such as microbial inoculation, effective microorganisms (EM), cation exchange capacity (CEC), ERGS (Energy Released per Gram of Soil), anions, and radionics among others, and translates their meaning and importance without ambiguity. That is no small task.Whether you are a beginning gardener (but especially if you are a beginning gardener) or a seasoned veteran Building Soils Naturally is a book that needs to be on your top 10 go-to list of reference books. The broken spine on my dog-eared copy testifies to where I go most often.

In an organic garden, plants in optimum health thrive abundantly, have harvests with amazing taste, and have the ability to fight off plant predators. When they don't there's often something lacking in their proper nutrition, they are missing beneficial microorganism companions, or they are short of the energy needed to reach their full nutrient-dense potential. The solution is to "start with the soil." But healthy soil doesn't happen just by composting, fertilizing or companion planting alone. The solution is in Building Soils Naturally, where gardeners will find a hands-on plan of how to create productive, living soil by using a practical holistic approach - crafted right in your garden. In Building Soils Naturally, organic gardeners will find a hands-on plan of how to create productive, living soil by using a practical holistic approach - crafted right in your garden.