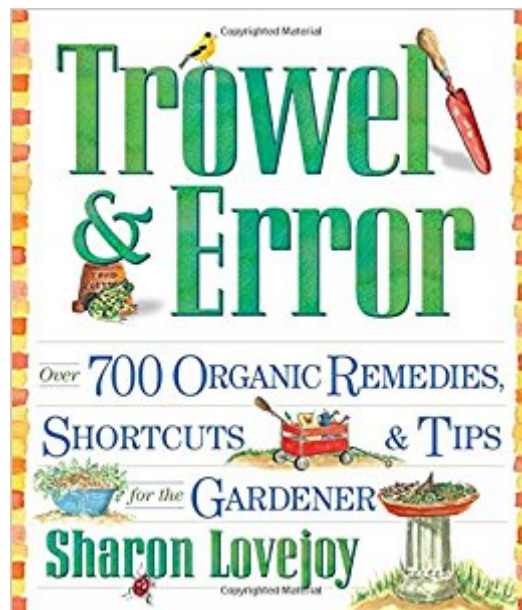




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# Trowel And Error: Over 700 Organic Remedies, Shortcuts, And Tips For The Gardener



## Synopsis

Ever since she was old enough to help her grandmother in the garden, Sharon Lovejoy has spent her life working with plants--and along the way, through "trowel and error," she's accumulated hundreds and hundreds of remedies, tips, short-cuts, and cure-alls. Now Ms. Lovejoy--author of *Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots* and the award-winning *Sunflower Houses*--does for the garden what Heloise or the Queen of Clean does for the household. *Trowel and Error* collects all of her homespun garden advice into an inviting, environmentally friendly, whimsically illustrated yet dead-on helpful book that will benefit every gardener, beginner or experienced. Cure plant viruses with spoiled milk. Steep a natural and effective insecticide out of fresh basil. Place flat stones under squash or melons to hasten ripening. Recycle an old apple corer as the perfect dibber for muscari and other small bulbs. Start rosemary cuttings in a green glass bottle. Sprinkle baby powder over seedlings to discourage rabbits. Crush a garlic clove and apply it to your skin as an insect repellent. From urging the reader to take an occasional shower with the houseplants to giving all-natural gardenside first aid, *Trowel and Error* is a direct line to the kind of practical wisdom that comes only after a lifetime of experience. The book is indexed by problem, plant, pest, and solution, and includes a list of tools and common household items--borax, cornmeal, vinegar--that completes the gardener's arsenal.

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Sharon Lovejoy, an author, illustrator, lecturer, and teacher, is the children's garden adviser to the

American Horticultural Society, and has been a guest on Today at NBC, PBS's Victory Garden, and the Discovery Channel. She speaks at conferences and gardening organizations around the country. She has four grandchildren, and divides her time between San Luis Obispo, California, and South Bristol, Maine.

Ordered this as a gift for a green fingered gardening friend for Christmas and couldn't help taking a sneak peek inside when it arrived! This book is jam packed with tips and ideas that even the avid organic gardener may not have considered - she was thrilled with the book and I would recommend this for anyone interested in organic gardening.

I am very grateful for Sharon Lovejoy's contribution for home gardeners like me. I love her work. This one has got to be my favorite. In fact sometimes, instead of gardening, it inspires me to sit with my own set of crayons! This book is an easy reference and a great inspiration. Her creativity with recycling and reuse of everything lying around the house and shed to grow life or nurture it is enviable: "ah, why didn't I think of it before?!"

A fun and informative book. I ordered several for gifts.

Interesting reading with good information.

Full of great information.

Tried and true remedies and shortcuts for every gardener.

Adding this book to my prepper arsenal. I glanced through it & read the first few chapters. This is a very informative & handy book to have around for gardening, it is wisdom from a gardener who has been there & done that. I am not a gardener nor do I want to be one, but if a disaster strikes I need the information in this book to do it the right way.

I checked this book out at my library and liked it so much that I've ordered 2 copies as gifts. It is really fun to read! Any age gardener would love it. It's 188 pages of both folksy and scientific help for the garden. Lots of "Going Green" hints for using everyday products instead of harsh chemicals. It's also very nicely indexed--from Acid loving plants to zucchini-- so you can turn to exactly what you

want to find. And the colorful format is beyond delightful. A great gift--and get one for yourself.

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