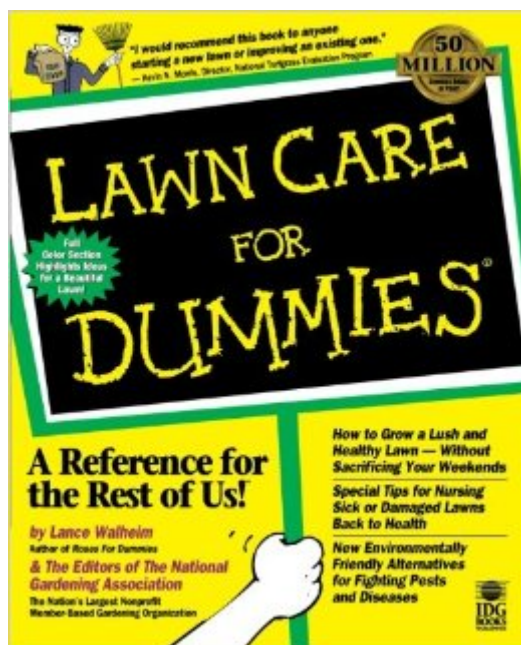


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# Lawn Care For Dummies



## Synopsis

Only one thing is standing between you and a fabulous lawn: It's called Lawn Care For Dummies. If you want a spiffy and well-coifed lawn (and not the overgrown, unruly one that people comment on when they pass by your house), you'll find everything you need to know to help you make your lawn the most dazzling spectacle on the block. Let authors Lance Walheim and the gardening experts at the National Gardening Association treat you and your yard to a megadose of lawn care information. In Lawn Care For Dummies, Walheim and the NGA give you the dirt on all the essentials, including how to

- \* Design a low-maintenance or a high-maintenance lawn
- \* Evaluate the pros and cons of planting a lawn from seed or starting one from sod
- \* Discover how often you need to water your lawn without under-watering it or waterlogging it
- \* Choose a mower that's right for your grass type
- \* Deal effectively with wicked weeds and pesky insects
- \* Create alternative lawns, such as ground cover plants, decks, and patios

Lawn Care For Dummies also features a beautiful color insert with photos illustrating the various types of lawns found in yards across the world.

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## Customer Reviews

Having never had a lawn before, I needed a very basic, gentle introduction to what it means to have and care for a lawn - and this book delivers just that. It also covers topics I might not have thought about ahead of time, including lawn disease and alternate ground covers. The ambient sense of humor makes what could appear to be a very intimidating project seem more like fun than work. My only objection - the color photos are wasted on shots of random lawns. I would have preferred to see these photos used to show examples that are best viewed, rather than textually described...

such as grass types, insect & disease damage, weeds, etc. Overall, this book has given me a great overview of my entire lawn project, and I can't wait to get started.

The few color pictures are pointless. There is some good information, but the section on revitalizing your lawn is too small. I was looking for a general reference, but they say to aerate but never mention when you should do this (I have read this in other books) and they don't mention other techniques that I have read other places. This book would be pretty good for someone starting from scratch. If you just want to improve your lawn, buy another book.

This book is an excellent reference on everything you would want to know on how to start, repair or maintain a lawn, but it doesn't answer some really, really basic questions, like "What kind of grass do I have?" The photos are just fluff, and could have been better used to identify grass types, weeds or lawn problems.

Unless you grew up in the Arctic (or maybe Manhattan?) and have never seen grass before, this book will not be of any value to you. What I expected was some information on the various species of grass and how to get them to grow. This book is so shallow on that information that you would learn substantially more from reading the back of a grass seed bag at the store. But the book is chock full of: - Cartoons so lame you feel bad for the guy who wrote them. - Reminders that you will need a shed to keep your lawn mower out of the rain. - Really hokey-looking color pictures of yards with great bright green blobs of grass. - For soil testing look in the Yellow Pages under "Soil Testing". If you find that kind of information useful, then this book is for you.

I planted my first lawn from scratch this Spring, and spent a lot of time reading and re-reading this book. The advice the book gave was great, particularly when it came to selecting the type of grass to plant for my particular needs and in my area. The other reviewers are correct about the photos being not very useful, but they certainly are pretty! However, I found the author's descriptions of grass types to be very clear and putting pictures of grass types would have been redundant. There were a few things that could have used more coverage, though. In particular, the description of the various options in boundaries and edgings was difficult to follow with very few pictures. Plus, the section on sprinklers touched on only about half of the types of sprinklers offered by my local garden center. My neighbor across the street planted his lawn at the same time I did mine, but without the book. He's a nice guy, but his lawn is a joke! Maybe I'll loan him my book this Fall when he starts

over....

I learned a lot and successfully used this book as a guide to kill off and re-seed an entire large yard. The new yard came out fantastic and totally weed free. Just don't take shortcuts. Be ready to spend money and work hard.

All the ins and outs of grass growing. preparing the area, types of grasses and most important; how to maintain the lawn once it is established. A very thorough book concerning growing grass or even replacement for grass.

I bought this book for my husband after we spent \$2,000 to have our front lawn sodded. He uses it as a reference to make sure the \$\$\$ was not wasted and to help the grass grow and thrive. He is very happy with this book.

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