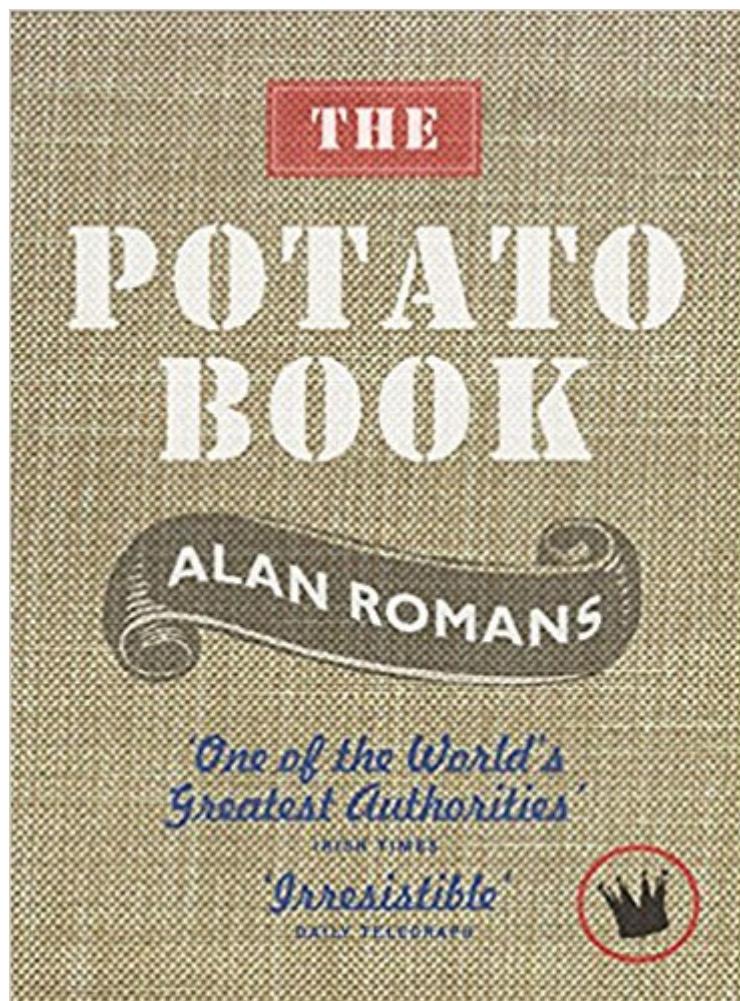


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# The Potato Book



## Synopsis

Sharing his overwhelming enthusiasm for the humble spud and a lifetime's experience in the seed potato industry, Alan Romans combines an engaging account of potato growing with an expert guide to potato varieties. The Potato Book traces the history of the potato from its beginnings in South America to the development of variety breeding. It explains all aspects of growing, from choosing seed potatoes, planting and maintenance, to harvest, storage, and pests and diseases. An exhaustive and definitive guide to over 150 varieties currently available in Europe provides scientifically based assessments of yield, characteristics, disease resistance. With descriptions too of varieties — mainly 'heritage' (pre-1950) — that have recently become available as microplants, it contains everything the potato grower needs to know

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Alan Romans was formerly a biology teacher but is now a full-time potato enthusiast, a specialist potato roguer (selector of seed potatoes) and consultant to potato breeders. He lives in Fife in Scotland.

This is a great reference book for those who want to grow potatoes and aren't sure which varieties to grow. The Potato Book wasn't exactly what I thought I was buying. It doesn't spell out all the how-to's of growing potatoes in detail, but it's a great list, with pictures, of some of the best selections of potatoes to buy and grow. It was excellently written. As far as potato-growing instructions, I didn't find extensive (or even basic) instructions for new gardeners on how to grow potatoes. According to the book we are able to just toss the seed tuber into some sort of growing medium and it grows. Well, that's about all that's needed. I tried growing potatoes in a potato bag I found at and it worked, so I guess detailed instructions aren't really necessary, but this book is especially good for people who just want to know which varieties are available and the characteristics of each. Some probably aren't available here in the United States though, since it mainly applies to gardeners in the UK and EU. The pictures are beautiful, if a picture of a potato can be beautiful. :)

Large list of potatoes. Well written

If I lived in the U.K. this might be a handy start. Charts of potato varieties are inaccurate and almost none of what we grow in the U.S. nor is available to us. Totally useless for on how to grow as well. try the The vegetable gardener's bible if you want some good sound information on growing and varieties.

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