My Personal Review:
If youve already amassed a shelf full of garden books or if you are about to acquire your first; this would be an excellent choice. Jerry Baker, Americas Master Gardener has written over 50 books on gardening and is about as knowledgeable as anyone, to help you in being successful in your garden. In this 375 page book he addresses 2168 subjects on just about every problem you could ever expect to encounter. And why not? Hes been at it over 40 years and has probably talked to hundreds of thousands of gardeners and heard about every problem and yes, solution that has been tried.

The book is presented in an excellent manner, profusely illustrated, very well organized, and with a very helpful Index.
If there is anything that stands out immediately when you look at this book; it is that it is filled with recipes, mixes, tonics, or as I'd like to call them concoctions to help your plants, deal with pests or anything where people usually head to the local garden center, to buy another miracle product, that gets added to that endless pile, you have already collected.

A Must Have
And how does he do it? He simply uses products that are already around every house, as well as many that get thrown in the garbage. I was tempted to make a list of all the things he uses, it must be over a hundred, but I'll leave that for someone else. Just imagine, the next time you encounter a problem in your garden, and find you can solve it by mixing up a solution of:

- garlic-and-lemon-juice
- skim milk
- baby shampoo
- hot sauce
- and a gallon of water

And save a trip and the cost of heading for the garden center.

Or how about this:

FLOWER POWER TONIC
1 cup of beer
2 tbsp. of fish fertilizer
2 tbsp. of liquid dish soap
2 tbsp. of ammonia
2 tbsp. of whiskey
1 tbsp. of corn syrup
1 tsp. of instant tea granules
2 gallons of warm water.

There is only one thing I question about this author and his book, and that is how much beer he uses in these recipes. I would not doubt it if his wife keeps asking, What are you doing with all that beer you've been buying? Oh, honey, I'm putting it on the plants, that's why I am getting such super results; everyone has a secret. Don't be surprised if you drop by to visit Jerry, and you see a beautiful bouquet on the table, and Jerry enjoying a cool one behind his tool shed!!!