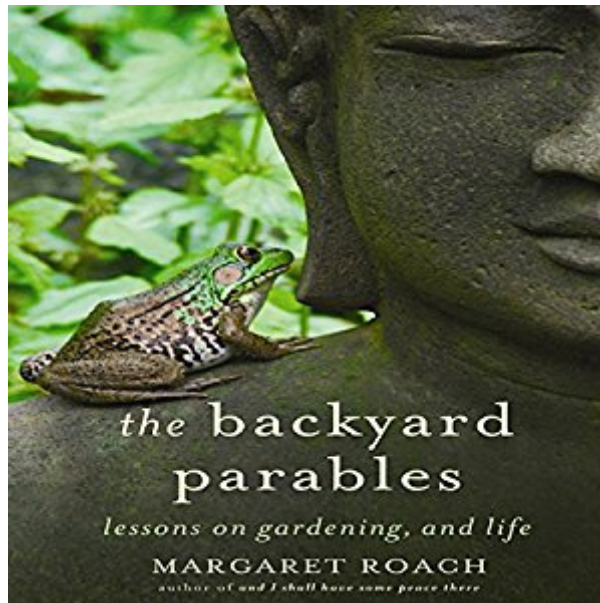


The book was found

# The Backyard Parables: Lessons On Gardening, And Life



## Synopsis

Margaret Roach has been harvesting 30 years of backyard parables - deceptively simple, instructive stories from a life spent digging ever deeper - and has distilled them in this memoir along with her best tips for garden making, discouraging all manner of animal and insect opponents, at-home pickling, and more. After ruminating on the bigger picture in her memoir *And I Shall Have Some Peace There*, Margaret Roach has returned to the garden, insisting as ever that we must garden with both our head and heart, or as she expresses it, with "horticultural how-to and woo-woo." In *The Backyard Parables*, Roach uses her fundamental understanding of the natural world, philosophy, and life to explore the ways that gardening saved and instructed her, and meditates on the science and spirituality of nature, reminding her listeners and herself to keep on digging.

## Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

Listening Length: 8 hours and 17 minutes

Program Type: Audiobook

Version: Unabridged

Publisher: Gildan Media, LLC

Audible.com Release Date: January 15, 2013

Language: English

ASIN: B00AR1LHTU

Best Sellers Rank: #46 in Books > Audible Audiobooks > Nonfiction > Lifestyle & Home >

Gardening #156 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Gardening & Landscape Design > Essays

#1219 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Gardening & Landscape Design > By Technique

## Customer Reviews

How could I not love, at least a little and maybe much, a book whose cover shows a frog (leopard?) contemplating the right earlobe of a Buddha or whose first chapter includes the story of the deep snow rescue of a pond of frogs. The de-icer, it seems, failed. Froggies might suffocate if the pond froze well & truly. Into the winter snows went Margaret Roach, equipped primarily with a cellphone flashlight and ready to flop on her belly, unsure of the pond circumferences, sticking her bare hand into electrical stuff to disarm the current, and then whacking away at the ice. A fine story, well-told, but a parable? In "The Backyard Parables," Margaret Roach describes her works and days in her country home through the four seasons. This usually is a tried-and-true framework for books about gardening as well as for books about Gardening as a Metaphor for Life. Usually, such a book is

linear and makes for an easy-to-follow story line, reminding us, perhaps of Thoreau's "Walden." Not so here. Think matrix where the story is episodic, horizontal, revealed from season to season. Consider, for example, the woodchuck. The woodchuck does its thing in spring, eating the sprouts of the peas down to the ground. Our heroine, alerted by its whistling and the vanished seedlings, tracks it to an opening likely to be its den, plans to set a trap. Next paragraph is off on an utterly unrelated topic. Many pages onward, in a later season, the rodent reappears in several pages of failed trapping efforts, followed again by another set of thoughts entirely. And in a third season we have even more on the by now very fat fellow in a riff on neighbors who have trapped successfully and on the impossibility of ridding the woods of woodchucks.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Ultimate Gardening Book: 5 Gardening Books in 1: Square Foot Gardening, Container Gardening, Urban Homesteading, Straw Bale Gardening, Vertical Gardening Gardening Books - 4 Manuscripts - Square Foot Gardening Guide, Gardening: A Beginners Guide, Straw Bale Gardening, Hydroponics Beginners Gardening Guide The Backyard Parables: Lessons on Gardening, and Life Gardening For Entrepreneurs: Gardening Techniques For High Yield, High Profit Crops (Farming For Profit, Gardening For Profit, High Yield Gardening) The Best-Ever Step-By-Step Kid's First Gardening: Fantastic Gardening Ideas For 5-12 Year Olds, From Growing Fruit And Vegetables And Fun With Flowers To Wildlife Gardening And Craft Projects Square Foot Gardening with Kids: Learn Together: - Gardening Basics - Science and Math - Water Conservation - Self-sufficiency - Healthy Eating (All New Square Foot Gardening) Backyard Chickens: The Ultimate Beginners Guide to Choosing a Breed, Chicken Coop, and Raising Backyard Chickens Backyard Chickens: The Essential Backyard Chickens Guide for Beginners: Choosing the Right Breed, Raising Chickens, Feeding, Care, and Troubleshooting Farming in Your Backyard for Beginners, Book 2: Use Proven Strategies to Grow Plants, Herbs, and Food in Your Backyard Easily The Backyard Chickens Handbook: What You Need to Know to Raise Backyard Chickens (Modern Homesteading) (Volume 1) National Geographic Backyard Guide to the Birds of North America (National Geographic Backyard Guides) Midwestern Birds: Backyard Guide - Watching - Feeding - Landscaping - Nurturing - Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, ... Dakota (Bird Watcher's Digest Backyard Guide) The Backyard Bird Feeder's Bible: The A-to-Z Guide To Feeders, Seed Mixes, Projects, And Treats (Rodale Organic Gardening Book) Gardening for Birds, Butterflies, and Bees: Everything you need to Know to Create a wildlife Habitat in your Backyard 40 Projects for Building Your Backyard Homestead: A Hands-on, Step-by-Step Sustainable-Living Guide (Gardening) Better Homes and Gardens Gardening Made Simple: The Complete Step-by-Step

Guide to Gardening Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for Bees, Butterflies, and Other Pollinators The Ultimate Guide to Raised Bed, Vegetable, Companion, Greenhouse, and Container Gardening for Beginners: Gardening Box Set #1 Gardening: Organic Vegetable Gardening Made Easy Golden Gate Gardening, 3rd Edition: The Complete Guide to Year-Round Food Gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area & Coastal California

[Dmca](#)