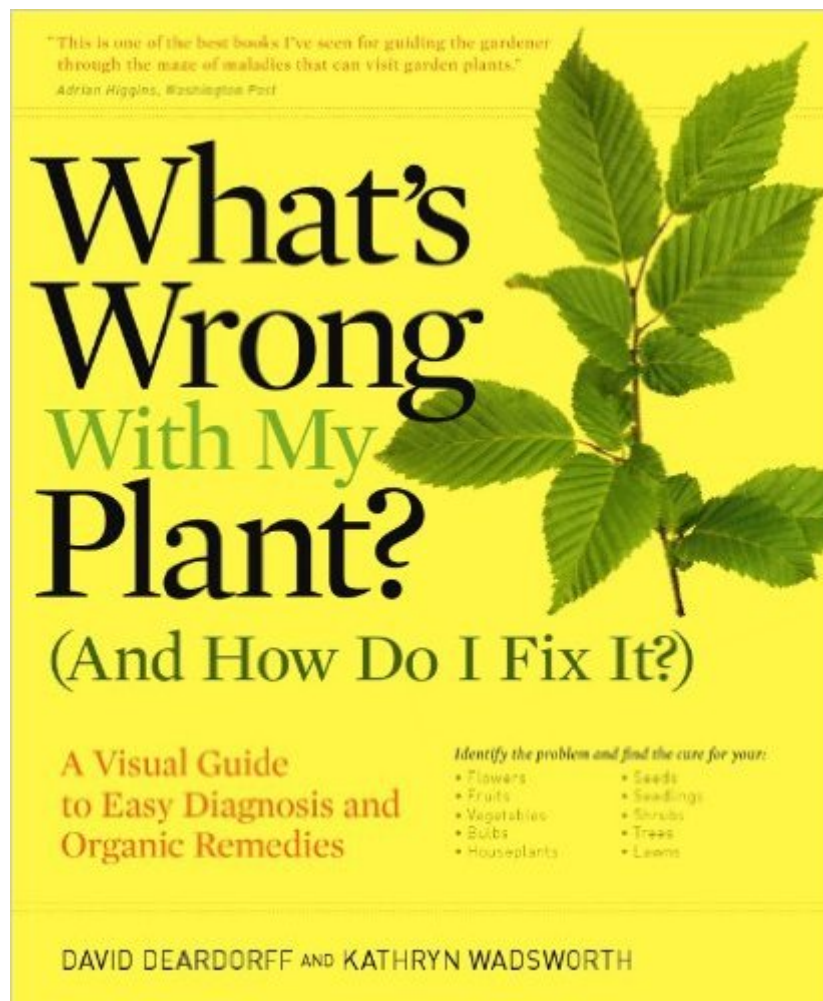


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# What's Wrong With My Plant? (And How Do I Fix It?): A Visual Guide To Easy Diagnosis And Organic Remedies (What's Wrong Series)



## Synopsis

Learn how to become a plant doctor. No Ph.D. required What's Wrong With My Plant? (And How Do I Fix It?) provides an easy system for visually diagnosing any garden plant's problem and matching it to the right cure. By offering 100% organic solutions to over 400 plant maladies, this book is the go to source whenever your plants are a little under the weather. This innovative and easy-to-use guide presents easy-to-follow, illustrated flow charts to accurately diagnose the problem, clear and 100% organic solutions, and photographs and drawings of stressed, damaged, and diseased plants to help with accurate comparison.

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## Customer Reviews

First, the disclaimer. David Deardorff worked for the Extension Office in the county where I was a Master Gardener. That was in the late 90s. Saying that he is knowledgeable is like saying the ocean has some water in it. I was impressed by him then and only have my esteem for him increased by this book. There are a number of books available that cover plant problems. The problem, until now, is that none of them include a systematic method for nailing down the source. You browse the book until you find a photo that looks like your problem plant then read. If you're lucky the book has a good index that uses the same terms to describe problems that you do. Having spent untold hours in Master Gardener plant clinics helping people diagnose plant problems I would have loved to have had this book back then. In What's Wrong With My Plant, Deardorff and Wadsworth offer us a

straightforward diagnostic \*system\*. There's a step-by-step flowchart method for figuring out what's wrong. The method is brilliant and what's even better, it's explained well, in easy to understand language. That's the first part of the book. The rest of the book is the typical encyclopedia of photos and descriptions. The photos are clear and the descriptions are in straightforward, plain English. Organic solutions are offered. Some people may find the solution section a bit limited. You won't find suggestions for toxic chemicals to, say, kill bugs. I won't go into organic solution vs. toxic pesticide debate, other to say that the solutions offered in this book are time tested and do work. They may take a bit more effort than buying a spray, but will leave you with a healthier garden overall. Even if you don't believe that, the diagnostic portion of the book still offers the best system anybody has come up with

I just received my copy of "What's Wrong with my Plant?" this week, and I cannot tell you how many times I've wished for a resource like this! It's, at once, straight-forward, but detailed and complete. And, I don't have to know the Latin name for my plants or trees (or vegetables, for that matter). There is a caution -- it is 451 pages long, BUT the good news is that you don't really have to read it all for it to work. The authors combine drawings, photos, and prose with a no-fault process that anyone can use...homeowners, landscapers, lawn maintenance crews, everyone! Nurseries oughta hide one in the back room, so they can return to a questioning customer with brilliant, accurate advice. WalMart and the big box stores, ought to stock the book, too! I got the hardback version and I'm glad I did because this is a lifetime resource. And, I'm also giving a few copies away as Christmas presents, knowing full-well that they'll be actually be used by the recipients for a long time hence.

I bought this book having big problems with spider mites, smaller aphid problems and an unexplainable browning of leaves. Sadly, the advice is very general and you'll find yourself thumbing through all the book to find some practical advice only to get ideas such as: hose down your plants, use neem oil or pesticides. There was nothing like use vinegar plus baking soda for spider mites, which I found after searching for many, many hours, dishwasher liquid spray for aphids or CO2 if you have a sealed environment. Interestingly enough, lace bugs, beetles, aphids, maggots and a full page of other insects all have the same solutions which sadly don't really work. One of the things I found very funny was the 2 possible solutions for bulbs with spider mites: start with mite-free bulbs and protect bulbs in storage. Oh, really? On the plus side, the pictures are nice but neither the pictures, nor the illustrations are very, very helpful and your plant problem may be something that

the book depicts a bit differently. Bottom line: you are better off searching for solutions online than paying for a thick, glossy book with nice pictures and very general advice.

This book is wonderful. The information is clear and concise, backed up and explained with clear pictures. You can't go wrong with it. Very user friendly and helpful. A lot of books seem to promise more than they can deliver--not this one. It delivers what it promises, and then some. Without a whole lot of jargon or verbiage, it shows you how to figure out exactly what is bothering your plant and then how to fix it. Brilliant! Highly recommended.

I appreciate this book for the way it is organized. It refers the reader to a chain of possible problems and solutions for each symptom. I was not able to find a picture of a particular pest that has infected many of my plants, and am still not sure what it is; however, for most everything else, this book has been able to identify the issues my plants have had.

This book is just fantastic. I found that a lot of plant reference books do not transfer to our tropical environment in Hawaii. They are too mainland-centric. But this book helped me diagnose and successfully treat several lingering problems I had been having in my garden - from aphids, to sooty mold, to missing nutrients in my soil. The book is super easy to use, anyone can follow the clear illustrations and concise text. I also love the descriptive opening of each chapter. This book makes me feel like a smart and capable gardener. Plus my garden now looks amazing!

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