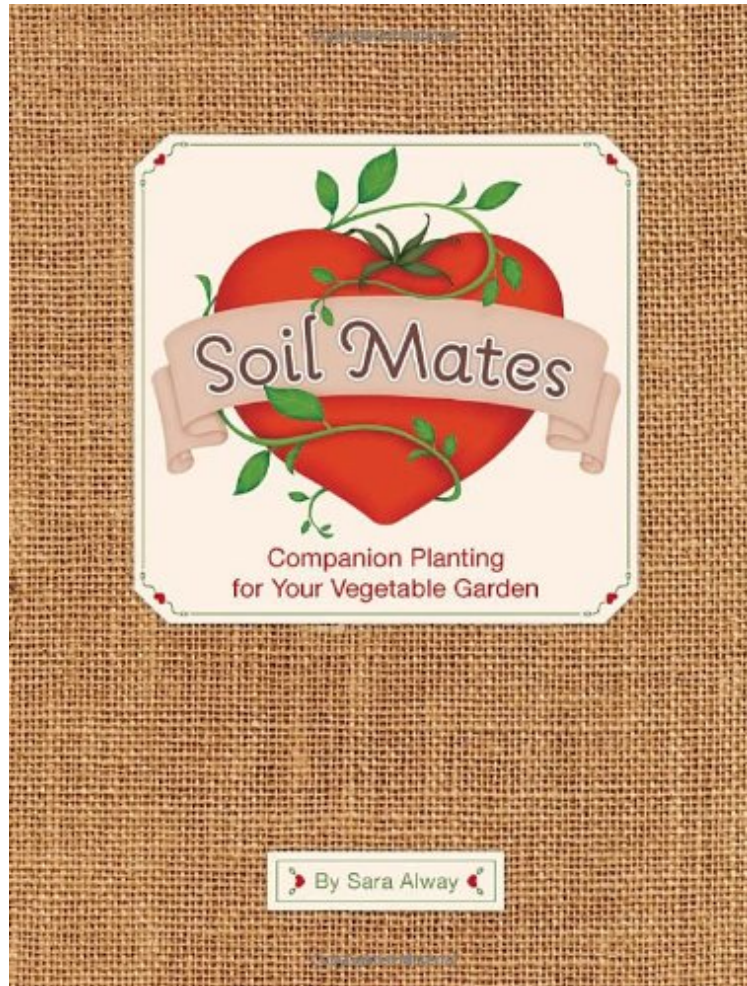


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this little book. At first, I thought I may have purchased yet another book that would just collect dust on my bookshelf. However, upon further inspection, I started appreciating the sense of humor with which this book is written. Plus the fact that as I planted my current garden, I consulted the book to see who would do well with who. I write a regular gardening blog and the way in which this book was written fit in well with my style. If you don't like humor and you want a serious gardening book, then this probably wouldn't be a good choice. I, however, love it and my sister-in-law promptly ordered one too after reading through mine. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lovely Gift By Fiona Bought this for my mom - she said this is a great read and can't wait to start planning her gardening rotation!

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