



# Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book)

*Lawrence L. Rettig*

Download now

Read Online →

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book)

*Lawrence L. Rettig*

## **Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book)** Lawrence L. Rettig

Gardening in Iowa's Amana Colonies is the culmination of techniques that stretch back several centuries to central Europe, when adherents to a new faith called the Community of True Inspiration formed their own self-reliant communities. As a child of parents who were part of the communal life of the Amana Society, Larry Rettig pays homage to the Amana gardening tradition and extends it into the twenty-first century.

Each of the seven villages in Amana relied on the food prepared in its communal kitchens, and each kitchen depended on its communal garden for most of the dishes served (the kitchens in Rettig's hometown produced more than four hundred gallons of sauerkraut in 1900). Rettig begins by describing the evolution of communal gardening in old Amana, focusing especially on planting, harvesting, and storing vegetables from asparagus to egg lettuce to turnips. With the passing of the old order in 1932, the number of the society's large vegetable gardens and orchards dwindled, but Larry Rettig and his wife, Wilma, still grow some of the colonies' heirloom varieties in their fourth-generation South Amana vegetable garden. In 1980 they founded a seed bank to preserve them for future generations.

Rettig's chapters on modern vegetable and flower gardening in today's Amana Colonies showcase his Cottage-in-the-Meadow Gardens, now listed with the Smithsonian in its Archives of American Gardens. Old intermingles with new across his gardens: heirloom lettuce keeps company with the latest cucumber variety, a hundred-year-old rose arches over the newest daylilies and heucheras, and ancient grapevines intertwine with newly planted wisteria, all adding up to a rich array of colorful plantings.

Rettig extends his gardening advice into the kitchen and workroom. He shares family recipes for any number of traditional dishes, including radish salad, dumpling soup, Amana pickled ham, apple bread, eleven-minute meat loaf, and strawberry rhubarb pie. Moving into the workroom, he shows us how to make hammered botanical prints, Della Robbia centerpieces, holiday wreaths, a gnome home, and a waterless fountain. Touring his gardens, with their historic and unusual plants, will make gardeners everywhere want to reproduce the groupings and varieties that surround Larry and Wilma Rettig's 1900 red brick house.

 [Download Gardening the Amana Way \(Bur Oak Book\) ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Gardening the Amana Way \(Bur Oak Book\) ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) Lawrence L. Rettig**

---

## **Download and Read Free Online Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) Lawrence L. Rettig**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Kurt Gomez:**

The experience that you get from Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) will be the more deep you digging the information that hide inside the words the more you get enthusiastic about reading it. It does not mean that this book is hard to be aware of but Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) giving you excitement feeling of reading. The article writer conveys their point in certain way that can be understood through anyone who read the item because the author of this guide is well-known enough. This specific book also makes your own vocabulary increase well. That makes it easy to understand then can go together with you, both in printed or e-book style are available. We recommend you for having this Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) instantly.

#### **James Gabriel:**

Often the book Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) will bring that you the new experience of reading the book. The author style to elucidate the idea is very unique. In the event you try to find new book to read, this book very ideal to you. The book Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) is much recommended to you to see. You can also get the e-book in the official web site, so you can more readily to read the book.

#### **Allison Devore:**

Are you kind of occupied person, only have 10 or maybe 15 minute in your time to upgrading your mind talent or thinking skill also analytical thinking? Then you have problem with the book compared to can satisfy your short period of time to read it because all this time you only find reserve that need more time to be examine. Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) can be your answer as it can be read by you actually who have those short free time problems.

#### **Edward McCain:**

As we know that book is essential thing to add our know-how for everything. By a publication we can know everything we want. A book is a range of written, printed, illustrated as well as blank sheet. Every year has been exactly added. This reserve Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) was filled in relation to science. Spend your spare time to add your knowledge about your science competence. Some people has diverse feel when they reading a new book. If you know how big benefit from a book, you can truly feel enjoy to read a book. In the modern era like right now, many ways to get book you wanted.

**Download and Read Online Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) Lawrence L. Rettig #8WQ3ONUkTXH**

## **Read Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig for online ebook**

Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig books to read online.

## **Online Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig ebook PDF download**

**Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig Doc**

**Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig Mobipocket**

**Gardening the Amana Way (Bur Oak Book) by Lawrence L. Rettig Epub**