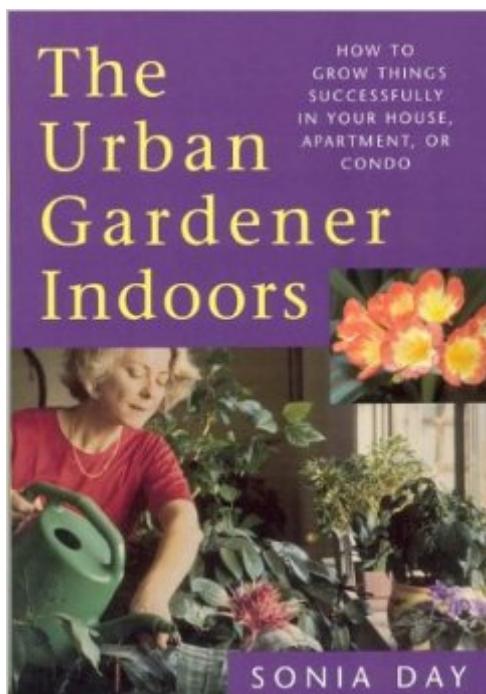


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# The Urban Gardener Indoors: How To Grow Things Successfully In Your House, Apartment, Or Condo



## **Synopsis**

Now that you're an expert at adapting your fast-paced urban lifestyle to your desire for "greener" living, Sonia Day shows you how to expand and prolong the life of your outdoor oasis while creating an indoor paradise for the winter months. You'll learn how to: ? grow hassle-free houseplants ? start seeds ? force indoor bulbs ? arrange winter plants for the balcony ? winter compost ? pot and store bulbs on the balcony until next spring And much, much more! The Urban Gardener Indoors also features hot tips on the benefits and drawbacks of solariums, pet-friendly and not-so-friendly houseplants, and new seasonal trends in poinsettias and Christmas cactuses?everything you need to know to create the indoor urban garden of your dreams.(March 2004)

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This book is always good to pick up, get excited about indoor plants. It was wonderful when I lived in an apartment.

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