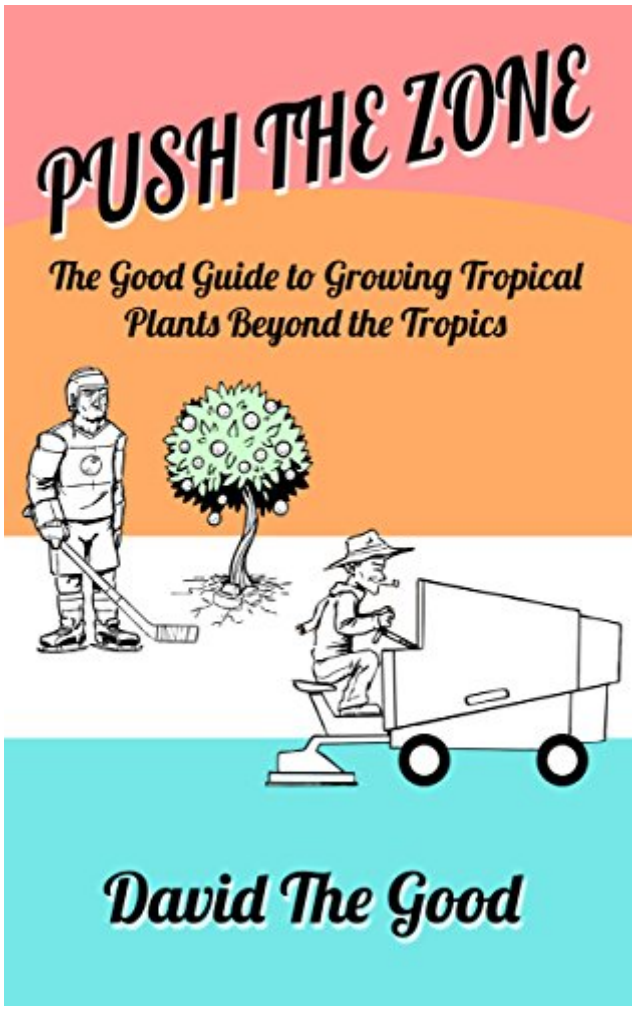
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"Have you ever wished you could grow mangoes, coffee, oranges and other delicious tropical plantsÃ¢â ¬Â¦ but find yourself limited by a less-than-tropical climate? If you long for Key lime pies at Christmas, or homegrown bananas at breakfast, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re not alone! Expert gardener and mad scientist David The Good fought for years to figure out how grow tropical plants hundreds of miles outside their natural climate rangeÃ¢â ¬Â¦ and he succeeded!In PUSH THE ZONE: The Good Guide to Growing Tropical Plants Beyond the Tropics, David the Good shares his successes and failures in expanding plant ranges, and equips you with the knowledge you need to add a growing zone or two to your own backyard. Based on original research done in North Florida, PUSH THE ZONE is useful for northern gardeners as well. Discover microclimates in your yard, use the thermal mass of walls to grow impossible plants and uncover growing secrets that will change your entire view of what can grow where!"Featuring a foreword by Dr. David Francko, the author of PALMS WON'T GROW HERE AND OTHER MYTHS.

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Customer Reviews

David the Good, I hate you. I've always put off starting a garden because what I really want to grow "won't grow" in my range - now you've gone and destroyed that excuse. Furthermore, don't you know that gardening books aren't supposed to be fun to read? Come on, man - get it together."Push the Zone" is the 3rd book of a series but can be read as a stand alone. I won't give any spoilers, but Mr. the Good describes many methods that he has researched or attempted to grow plants outside of their recommended range. Since he approaches gardening as an experimenter, he also gives examples of what didn't work so well for him, and along the way he discusses ideas that he thinks might work but hasn't personally attempted yet. He gives suggestions on how to improve conditions within a greenhouse for zone pushing, as well as discussing the conditions to look for when deciding where in your property to prepare and plant warmer-zone plants for the best chance of success. The final chapter provides a discussion of how to care for a lengthy list of particular plants.If a gardening book can be said to be hard to put down, well this one makes that list. Even if you never had the urge to pick up a shovel, you will probably still enjoy reading it. If for no other reason, David is an encourager, exhorting us to go out and try something even when we've been told that it's impossible. Maybe it is, but maybe it's just improbable instead.After some reflection, David, I take it back. I don't "hate" you, I just don't like that you've left me with this guilt complex for not doing what God put Adam on earth originally to do. And how could I dislike a brother-in-arms in the fight to keep our pies free of meringue. You, sir, are a pie patriot, and for that I salute you.

There are a lot of good tips in here! It focuses on tropical plants in the warmer states, but you can apply the techniques in colder areas, and even plants intended for colder areas in warmer ones. Matter of fact, I have peas growing now in San Diego that haven't been fried by the sun because they're hidden under some pumpkin plants. Using taller plants as cover was one of the tips.Also, check out David the Good's youtube channel for some good advice and sick beats. Compost your enemies!

Seriously, I have like 80 or 90 of your books....even bought a few since you ran away and joined the Costa Rican Navy or wherever you went. Always learn something, but I would learn more with,say a free donut, can coozy or something for every....5th book?Good book, learned a few good tidbits, was even reading this when we had our late March dip into the 20`s.....used the rain barrel idea and saved my new citrus plants.

David’s garden books are tops! His fascination with learning techniques from other cultures and working them into simple and practical gardening practices are gems. As with all of his books, he includes a generous dose of good natured humor in a way that only he can deliver. When his books are offered as audiobooks, I recommend you purchase them to get the full comedic effect. I’ve learned a great deal from his writings and website.

Just like all the other books he has its AWESOME! I cant wait to try this out. I just moved to his old stomping grounds Ocala Area . Its zoned 9A subtropical.

Definitely a must buy if you want to grow tropical plants outside of their USA zone. David has years of gardening experience and has many field trials under his belt. He is also very accessible and has answered an egregious amount of questions from yours truely. Also check out his other books and his website thesurvivalgardener.com.

I have most of David the Good’s oeuvre, even though he writes for Floridians and I live in Rhode island. The books are that good,fun to read,and like most of my neighbors, I’ll be living there soon enough, might as well know how to grow what we’ll eat.

I think I own every book he has written. He always fills them with tons of great information, useful for gardening newbies like me. This one is no exception.

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