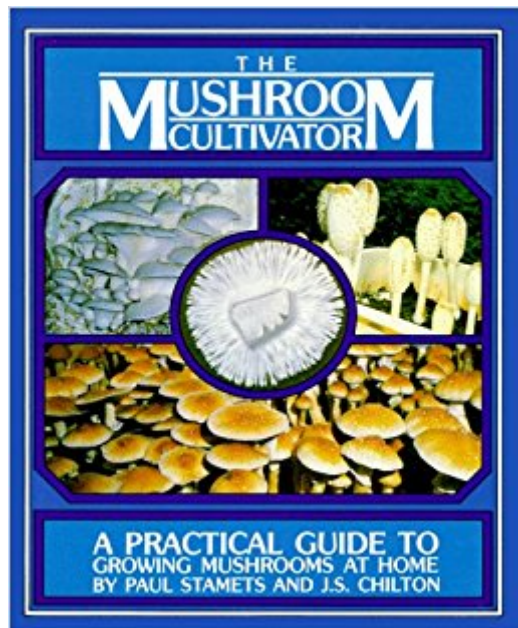




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and guidelines for the construction of mushroom growing rooms.

This book is an amazing first step for the aspiring mushroom cultivator, but it is not without fault. The book itself is great, but the content is a few years outdated. Outdated must mean useless, you say? I don't think so. This will give you a very strong foundational knowledge of how to cultivate mushrooms, it will be up to you after this to research the newest methods on the market. If you go into it with this understanding, you'll have a great time with the book, and it will be a book you can reference for a long time to come. The most useful long term portion of the book are the growing parameters and tables, which are invaluable for anyone trying to grow new strains or varieties.

It's informative as all get out! however I need something for the guy that wants to grow right now so the kits might work until I get the grow room going...

Extremely extensive reference manual. Repetitive but there's a lot of information in here. Geared towards the larger volume grower and commercial farmers. Has information on pests. Useful with the other Stamets book. Together they fill the gaps each one leaves.

Great guide for learning how to propagate mushrooms. I found the chapters interesting and very informative for a beginner. This book reads similarly to a science course.

Fantastic in depth manual. Very scientific, but easy for a layman to understand. If you are building a lab, this is the book for you.

Never ever got all the way through this book. It is a very long read with a ton of information, but I am convinced Mr. Stamets knows more about this topic than anyone else on earth. I hope I get to meet him someday.

An amazing book indeed. The vast amounts of knowledge that are in this book will open the door to a whole new spectrum of know how and a wonderful hobby. The book contains everything there is to know about mushrooms. How to grow them successfully and do it the very first time, a vast array of diversity of species and genus of mushrooms. From your generic grocery button and portobello mushrooms to medicinal mushrooms such as shiitake and reishi mushrooms. If you're looking to grow yourself and gain a vast knowledge that not many people understand or comprehend, this is

an excellent way to learning about the mysterious mushrooms. Just a warning, once you start growing it can be highly fun and you won't want to stop. This book is magic.

This book is one of two I bought, the other being by the same author and entitled "Growing Gourmet and Medicinal Mushrooms". This one fills in where the other is lacking, the two complement each other well. This book walks you through growing mushrooms a bit more in detail than the other book as far as forming substrates, culturing mushrooms, etc. For anyone wanting to grow mushrooms I would recommend this book. The only downside is, if you are like me and poor, you will discover that growing mushrooms properly can include making a considerable investment. I have not attempted growing any other than from kits you purchase mainly due to the cost. It is still a good read and worst case scenario, you don't grow any mushrooms, you will still have learned a lot.

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